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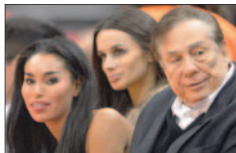
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West Point cadet Austen Boroff, right, of Chatham, N.J., stands in formation earlier this month at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. With the Pentagon lifting restrictions for women in combat jobs, Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen Jr. has set a goal of boosting the number of women above 20 percent for the new class reporting this summer.

West Point works to boost enrollment of female cadets

BY MICHAEL HILL
The Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — With female cadets representing fewer than one in five cadets at West Point, the U.S. Military Academy is taking steps to boost the number of women arriving here this summer and beyond.

West Point's new superintendent said the moves — which include more outreach and the cultivation of competitive candidates — will help keep the storied academy ahead of the curve now that the Pentagon is lifting restrictions for women

in combat jobs.

"We obviously have to increase the female population for a number of reasons. One is because there are more opportunities in the branches for the females," Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen Jr. said.

Women have been a presence at the nation's military academies since 1976. Female cadets here can grow their hair longer than the standard military buzz-cut and can wear stud earrings.

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US, Philippines agree to boost troop levels

BY JIM GOMEZ
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The United States and the Philippines have reached a 10-year agreement that would allow a larger U.S. military presence in this Southeast Asian nation as it grapples with increasingly tense territorial disputes with China, White House officials said Sunday.

Two Philippine officials confirmed the agreement to The Associated Press before the White House announcement.

The Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement would give American forces

Japan pleased with Obama's security stance, remains stymied by trade pact

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temporary access to selected military camps and allow them to preposition fighter jets and ships. It will be signed Monday at the main military camp in the Philippine capital, Manila, before President Barack Obama arrives on the last leg of a four-country Asian tour, following earlier stops

in Japan, South Korea and Malaysia.

A Philippine government primer on the defense accord that was seen by the AP did not indicate how many additional U.S. troops would be deployed "on temporary and rotational basis," but it said that the number would depend on the scale of joint military activities to be held in Philippine camps.

The size and duration of that presence still has to be worked out with the Philippine government, said Evan Medeiros, senior director for Asian affairs at the White House's National Security Council.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It makes me feel like somebody. You come to Angola with a life sentence; you don't feel like a person anymore. You're a nobody. This gives me a chance to be somebody again, to entertain the people and just have fun."

— Inmate Milton Billiot, who every year looks forward to the rodeo at Louisiana's Angola Prison

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'Old Lady' successfully put to rest

Italians defuse 4,000-pound WWII bomb without incident

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — Operation Old Lady, as the Italians called it, was a success. The removal of a British "blockbuster" bomb dropped 70 years ago, whose disposal involved the evacuation of 30,000 residents and an entire U.S. Army base, was disarmed with no harm done to anyone.

Demolition experts with the 2nd Regiment of the Julia Alpine Engineers reported from the site about 1:30 p.m. Friday that they had removed the bomb's detonators after first removing its three fuses.

Italian army officers, local politicians, police, firefighters, medical personnel and scores of news reporters, gathered at a command center about 4.5 miles from the site, applauded at the news.

"The bomb now is very calm. The 'Old Lady' can stay in a very quiet way," said Italian Lt. Col. Mauro Altieri, referring to the nickname given to the bomb by the Italians "out of respect," they said.

"Bomb Day," the operation to remove, disarm and haul away the 4,000-pound bomb, and its related evacuation plans, had been in planning for months, ever since the bomb was found in October by an explosives survey team.

It is by far the biggest of 133 bombs found by experts in the area near the city's former airport, which was controlled by Axis forces during World War II.

The field where the device lay is to be developed as a "peace park," officials say, to placate Vicenza citizens who opposed the creation of the new U.S. Army base, Del Din. The base is adjacent to the site.

Soldiers on Del Din and 30,000 residents within about 1.8 miles



Courtesy of the Italian army

A 4,000-pound British blockbuster bomb dropped 70 years ago in Vicenza was successfully disarmed Friday by two Italian combat engineers. The bomb disposal effort caused the city to evacuate some 30,000 Vicenza residents and the Del Din U.S. Army facility for the duration.

of the site were evacuated Friday morning in case something went wrong — in case giant blast walls made of soil and Hesco barriers enclosing the bomb didn't work as planned.

The engineers — two sergeants and a captain — started work about 10 a.m. with the announcement that all had evacuated. Removing the fuses was reportedly the most delicate part. Unit commander Col. Gianni Fioretto said it took about 20 minutes to remove each fuse.

"Their concentration is very strong. I'm very proud of my soldiers," Fioretto said at the command center while the engineers worked on.

After the fuses were removed, the engineers sent photos, for the archives, and also for the news media.

The crusty bomb wore the feathered Alpine hat of the soldiers' unit. Alpine troops are famed for, among other things, fierce mountain fighting in World War I. "We love our hat," Fioretto said.

His engineers were deployed for six months last year to western Afghanistan as part of Task Force Saw, along with a U.S. engineer unit, Fioretto said.

The 4,000-pound bomb was the largest the group had ever encountered.

Work stopped about 11:30 a.m. when a resident of the evacuated sector was found to be still at home.

"There will be an investigation to understand how it was possible to be in the area," Fioretto said.

"Maybe the Germans, if you tell them to leave the area, do it," Fioretto said. "Italians — we are more flexible."

Shortly after that, another person and a vehicle also turned up in the area, and seemingly tense Vicenza civilian officials, responsible for the evacuation, met behind closed doors.

Although the possibility of an explosion ended when the detonators were removed, experts said the engineers still had more work to do.

First, the explosives inside the

bomb were to be exposed to a mixture of chemicals and water heated to no more than 158 degrees Fahrenheit.

Later, soldiers were to transport what remained of the bomb to a nearby cave where old bombs are routinely taken and destroyed.

The bomb was one of a staggering 16,000 dropped on or around the former airport on Nov. 17-18, 1944, by more than 100 Allied aircraft. It was the second unexploded blockbuster found in the city in 13 years.

Italy was bombed extensively by the Allies in World War II. After the country deposited fascist leader Benito Mussolini and switched to the Allied side in 1943, it was bombed even more.

"Since German forces were in occupation, northern and central Italy remained a target for allied bombing until the very last days of the war," British historian Richard Overy writes in his book, "The Bombers and the Bombed: Allied Air War Over Europe 1940-1945."

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EUROPE

Navy catamaran offers flexibility on troops, cargo

A new class of high-speed vessel demonstrates its versatility, value

BY STEVEN BEARDSLEY

Stars and Stripes

For more photos and a video of the USNS Spearhead, go to stripes.com/go/newroles

ABOARD THE USNS SPEARHEAD IN LAGOS, NIGERIA — The engines rumbled to life, the impellers clutched in and this 2,500-ton catamaran slid away neatly from its pier.

Spearhead is not your typical Navy ship. First in a new class of high-speed, highly maneuverable vessels designed to move troops and cargo quickly, it has a light build, a shallow draft and a large mission bay that make it attractive for other missions, something the Navy has explored over the past four months of the ship's maiden deployment.

In Ghana, the ship hosted a boarding party targeting illegal fishing vessels. It went pier-side in Lagos to kick off an annual exercise with African nations. In Cameroon it served as a training space for special operators.

"I think it provides a very flexible option across the spectrum of operations, and we've just started to tap that potential," said Capt. John Rinko, commander of the logistics task force for U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa.

The concept of a cargo catamaran was first validated by the Royal Australian Navy, when its high-speed experimental vessel the *Jarvis Bay* was used to ferry more than 20,000 peacekeepers to East Timor starting in 1999. The Navy leased a similar catamaran, the *Swift*, for nearly a decade ending in 2013, using it as transport for Marines and for U.S. trainers going to Africa and South America.

With *Spearhead*, the Navy is preparing a wider role for catamarans across theaters. The ship is the first of 10 Joint High Speed Vessels purchased by the service and operated by its Military Sealift Command, which handles the service's support and sealift vessels. Three have been delivered, and a fourth has been christened. The contract price is \$160 million per ship.

Created to ferry ground troops and special operators quickly between shores, *Spearhead* is built of lightweight aluminum and driven by a jet-propulsion system.

The ship is fast for a vessel of its size, reaching 35 knots (about 40 mph, the speed of a small boat). It has a mission bay of 20,000 square feet, a ramp that can hold 100 tons — enough for a fully

loaded tank — and a passenger room with more than 300 reclining airline-style seats, overhead TVs and racks for weapons and equipment.

The ship arrives as the Navy talks increasingly of modularity, or the ability to configure a single ship for different missions. It also comes as high demand for warships in places like the Pacific limits their availability in other theaters.

That's especially true in regions such as this one, the Gulf of Guinea, where piracy and illegal fishing are ongoing problems and where local forces often lack the training or resources to enforce their maritime boundaries.

The Navy command for Africa runs training and regular exercises in the area, but it has lacked a dedicated ship since SWIFT's departure, relying on a Dutch vessel for training with several countries last fall.

Spearhead or one of its follow-on vessels will likely fill that role in the future. For the current deployment, *Spearhead* participated in two African exercises, as well as the boarding piece in Ghana. It visited ports in Senegal, Ghana and Gabon, and after a brief return to Norfolk it will head to South American waters for a similar tour.

The Navy hasn't said where it plans to station the ships, and Rinko said possible ports are still being evaluated.

The JHSV represents a departure for MSC, whose vessels are typically mission-specific and include oil tankers and hospital ships. *Spearhead* has a crew of 26 mariners, all of whom juggle multiple duties (the ship was designed for a military crew of 46).

"We're working with groups that we don't always work with," Capt. Douglas Casavant, the ship's civilian master, said. "And we're proving a number of different capabilities that the ship wasn't necessarily designed for. We're finding out a lot of things."

Casavant, like all MSC mariners and crew aboard the ship, was interviewed in the presence of an MSC public affairs representative, per ground rules aboard the ship.

The Navy plans to pair the JHSV program with what it calls



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Above: Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandon Brents, a member of an embarked security team aboard the USNS *Spearhead*, stands watch while underway outside Lagos, Nigeria, on April 17.

Below: Doug Casavant, captain of the *Spearhead*, guides the ship out of port in Lagos. The *Spearhead*, a high-speed catamaran designed for troop transport, is concluding its maiden deployment.

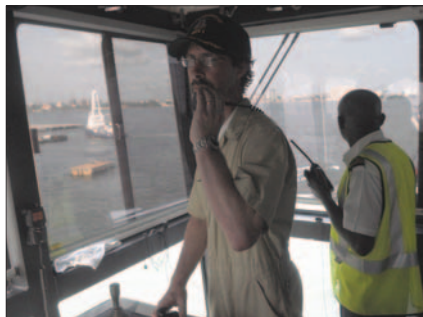
"adaptive force packages" or swappable mission configurations. Its most recent deployment included detachments drawn to work with African forces.

In Ghana, a Coast Guard law enforcement team helped with interdictions, and a pair of Riverines flew a small UAV to view the ships being boarded. An embarked security team picked up in Spain scanned the horizon for other threats.

For Casavant, whose history with *Spearhead* goes back more than three years, the deployment sets the pace for the rest of the ships in the class.

"It's a lot bigger than just the 75 guys that are on it," he said.

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EUROPE

Murder hearing unveils infidelity, motive

Airman charged in death of AFN broadcaster says he acted alone, but alleged accomplice may face trial

By MATT MILLHAM
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — An American airman charged with murdering Petty Officer 2nd Class Dmitry Chepusov has admitted to the killing and says he acted alone, defense attorneys for a soldier charged as his accomplice said Thursday.

The disclosure came during a hearing to determine whether Army Spc. Cody A. Kramer will face a court-martial for his alleged involvement in the death of Chepusov, an American Forces Network broadcaster.

Testimony at the Article 32 hearing suggested that Air Force Staff Sgt. Sean Oliver's fear of having his inappropriate relationship with Chepusov's wife exposed provided motive for killing the sailor.

The two suspects and the victim all worked in the same AFN-Europe office at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. Oliver and Kramer worked as broadcast engineers.

Oliver was charged with Chepusov's murder in March, three months after German police found the sailor's body in the passenger seat of the car Oliver was driving in Kaiserslautern in the early morning of Dec. 14.

Kramer's defense team asked the Army officer investigating the charges against their client to throw out all but one offense — that he made false official statements. They pointed to the sworn statement given by Oliver in which the staff sergeant admitted his guilt.

Prosecutors allege that Kramer, described by witnesses as one of Oliver's

best friends, helped the airman plan and execute the slaying and aided in trying to cover it up.

The marriage

Chepusov, who was 31 when he died, wanted to divorce his wife, Alejandra Zolezzi, and had made that clear to everyone in their office, said Sgt. Felicia Lilly, a defense witness who worked with both of the accused and Chepusov.

Lilly said she was surprised when Zolezzi, who had gone back to the United States in November, returned to Germany.

In her testimony, Zolezzi admitted that she had begun a sexual relationship with Oliver. She said her husband was also looking for a relationship outside the marriage and chatted with at least one woman online while Zolezzi was in the home they shared in the Air Force's Vogelweh Housing Area.

Zolezzi said Chepusov returned from a trip to Ukraine, where he met with one of the women he found online, less than a week before he was killed.

According to prosecutors, Chepusov wanted to break from Zolezzi completely and threatened to disclose her relationship with Oliver to their chain of command at AFN-Europe. Were he to have done that, Zolezzi would have been sent back to the U.S. Oliver, meanwhile, might have lost both his girlfriend and his military career, said Capt. Daniel O'Connor, one of two lawyers for the prosecution.

Three days before Oliver allegedly murdered Chepusov, he met up with Zolezzi, Kramer and another close friend, Air Force Staff Sgt. Thomas Skinkle, at a restaurant in downtown Kaiserslautern, Skinkle testified.

There, prosecutors allege that Oliver, Kramer and Zolezzi discussed Chepusov's life insurance policy, known as Servicemembers Group Life Insurance. Skinkle testified that the subject came up at the

restaurant, but he couldn't remember the details of the conversation.

The 2nd suspect

The prosecution contends that, at the very least, Kramer was aware that Oliver planned to murder Chepusov to save his career and keep his girlfriend, who would receive a \$400,000 life insurance payout when Chepusov died.

To back that claim, O'Connor noted that a day after the meeting at the restaurant, Kramer posted a cartoon on Facebook depicting a love triangle that ended with a murder. Kramer was also present when the murder happened, according to witness testimony.

Kramer had argued with Chepusov immediately before Oliver stepped in and asked to speak with Chepusov privately in Skinkle's kitchen, where the murder is believed to have occurred.

Kramer closed the kitchen door, and when another person in the apartment — Air Force Staff Sgt. Shao-Lung Ping — inquired about the sound of breaking glass coming from the kitchen, "Kramer said, 'Don't worry about it,'" Ping testified.

Ping said he tried to leave Skinkle's Kaiserslautern apartment during the commotion, and the only way out was through the kitchen. When he opened the kitchen door, Oliver yelled at him to close it.

Ping left the door open about a foot, he said, and sat back down on a couch next to Kramer, who tried to get him to watch YouTube videos of heavy metal music. Ping looked back to the kitchen once and saw Oliver kick Chepusov's limp body twice like a soccer ball; Kramer ignored the commotion throughout, Ping testified.

"It just defies logic" that this would be a "series of unfortunate coincidences," O'Connor said.

Landes, Kramer's attorney, highlighted Ping's testimony of having overheard Oliver and Kramer talking in Skinkle's

kitchen after the murder, and Kramer appeared to sound surprised when Oliver told him that Chepusov was dead.

Ping said he didn't report overhearing that conversation because he was afraid of reprisal from Oliver.

The specific allegations

O'Connor said there is no doubt that Oliver assaulted and strangled Chepusov to death. But the prosecution alleges that Kramer might have assisted Oliver in covering up the murder by helping move the body and giving Oliver the keys to Skinkle's house and car.

That argument largely hinged on the testimony of an Army Criminal Investigation Command special agent, who testified that the location of blood stains on the walls of Skinkle's apartment suggested that two people carried the body.

Skinkle was blackout drunk for much of the evening, including when the murder occurred. Ping and Skinkle both testified. Ping said he left soon after hearing Oliver tell Kramer that Chepusov was dead. That left just Kramer and Oliver to move the body to the car, O'Connor said.

The prosecution did not yet have the results of DNA and other forensic evidence that could verify whether Kramer had a hand in moving the body. Because that evidence wasn't presented at the Article 32, it can't be considered by the investigating officer who will recommend whether Kramer should face a court-martial, Landes said. "You can't speculate about what might come back."

Landes said the government has already bungled the case against Kramer and asked that the investigating officer consider pressing ahead only on the charge that the soldier made a false official statement, which the defense doesn't contest.

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NATHANIEL SPENCER/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Suspicious object leads to security response

NAPLES, Italy — Discovery of a suspicious object near a military housing area here sparked a security response before the item was cleared as a toy grenade.

Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents and Italian Carabinieri responded to the support site in Grigignano in the morning after the base received a call from someone who found the object, spokeswoman Lt. Liza Dougherty said.

The base created a perimeter around the object and briefly heightened security and tightened entry at both the Grigignano and Capodichino sites as agents examined the object, Dougherty said. Agents cleared the object within an hour.

"They were able to determine it was plastic; it was a toy," she said.

She said it was likely left somewhere by a child and not intended as a hoax.

From staff reports

Training to track

Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 1st Class John Delong, assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 8, tracks with another parachutist during free-fall training at Naval Station Rota, Spain.

PACIFIC

Obama reassured Japan on security, analysts say

By ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Japan got the security guarantee it sought from President Barack Obama, even if other aspects of his visit with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe didn't follow the anticipated script.

Obama said little that Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, Secretary of State John Kerry and other top officials hadn't already said during the past year about the U.S.-Japan security alliance.

Nevertheless, analysts said Obama's statements helped reassure those in Japan and the Asia-Pacific region who have doubted his stated commitment to a "rebalance" toward Asia amid U.S. defense budget cuts and pressing challenges in other regions.

The president told reporters Thursday that the Japan-administered Senkaku Islands fall under a provision of the security linkage calling on the U.S. to "act to meet the common danger" if involved in an attack.

Obama's statement provoked a reaction from China, which claims the islands as an "indispensable" part of its territory and has declared an air defense identification zone directly over them that generally has been ignored. The islands are small and uninhabited, but nearby waters are

considered potentially rich in energy and natural resources.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang's comparatively understated riposte to Obama's comments concluded the U.S. should "think twice before saying or doing anything" about the islands.

The ministry accused Hillary Clinton of being "ignorant of facts and discriminating rights and wrongs" when she said the same thing in 2013.

Though he did not take a position on the Senkakus' future sovereignty, Obama's statement supporting the islands' defense was designed to please Abe and to reassure the Japanese public, said Sheila Smith, senior fellow for Japan studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, a nonpartisan think tank.

"Its absence would have been interpreted in a way that would have cast more doubt on the question of whether the U.S. is really serious on the Senkakus," Smith said.

Obama's comments also were followed with interest from five other Asian nations and Taiwan, all of whom have territorial disputes with China.

"The Senkaku issue, despite that they are tiny islands, is now becoming a decisive test in China's expansionism in the region,"

said Kazuya Sakamoto, professor of international politics and Japan-U.S. relations at Osaka University. "There was a need for the United States to make its stance clear."

The U.S. also gave Abe some help with some of his cherished but unpopular security policies by backing them in a joint bilateral statement released Friday.

The statement praised Japan's passage of a security law that "will facilitate enhanced policy and intelligence coordination between the two countries." The lack of clear standards had led the U.S. to share information more cautiously with Japan than with its most trusted allies, U.S. officials have told Stars and Stripes.

A December Kyodo news poll found that 82 percent of the public backed revision or repeal of the law, based on fears that its broad language could keep government malfeasance from public scrutiny.

The United States also "welcomes and supports" Japan's consideration of reinterpreting its pacifist constitution to allow its servicemembers to defend allies in collective self-defense, according to the joint statement. That Abe-backed measure also faces majority opposition in national polls, though it gains support when it comes to specific



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

President Barack Obama speaks at a state dinner with Japanese Emperor Akihito and his wife, Empress Michiko, at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on Thursday.

measures like defending a U.S. ship or rescuing Japanese nationals taken hostage abroad. Under the current constitution, such measures are illegal.

While the Japanese government clearly got what it wanted from a security perspective, the goals shared by Tokyo and Washington on economic issues fell short.

Many analysts had expected a bilateral agreement on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a 12-nation accord that addresses a broad range of trade sectors ranging from agriculture and automobiles to intellectual property.

The Obama administration has stated that the agreement will lower trade barriers, boost exports and create jobs. However, the agreement faces opposition in various countries over concerns as diverse as Internet privacy rights, medicine prices and cattle imports.

As a group, the TPP countries are the largest goods-and-services export market of the United States, according to government data.

The relationship between the U.S. and Japanese top trade negotiators is "very strained," said Takaaki Asano, a research fellow at Tokyo Foundation.

"A thin momentum was lost when the two biggest economies in the 'TPP 12' could not deliver at this time," Asano said.

However, Asano said he does not believe that difficulties in resolving the trade agreement will have much effect on overall bilateral relations.

The two countries will have further opportunities to reach an accord in the coming months, Asano added.

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Levels: Pact would help boost Philippines' military ability, disaster response

FROM FRONT PAGE

Medeiros declined to say which specific areas in the Philippines are being considered under the agreement, but said the long-shuttered U.S. facility at Subic Bay could be one of the locations.

The two Philippine officials spoke with the AP on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss details of the pact before it is signed.

The defense said it is a new milestone in the longtime treaty allies' relationship and would help address their respective dilemmas. With its anemic military, the Philippines has struggled to bolster its territorial defense amid China's increasingly assertive behavior in the disputed South China Sea. Manila's effort has dovetailed with Washington's intention to pivot away from years of heavy military engagement in the Middle East to Asia, partly to counter China's rising clout.

"The Philippines' immediate and urgent motivation is to strengthen itself and look for a security shield with its pitiful military," Manila-based political analyst Ramon Casiple said. "The U.S. is looking for a re-entry to Asia, where its superpower status has been 'lost.'"

The convergence would work

to deter China's increasingly assertive stance in disputed territories, Casiple said. But it could also further antagonize Beijing, which sees such tactical alliance as a U.S. strategy to contain its rise, and to encourage China to intensify its massive military buildup, he said.

Hundreds of American military personnel already have been deployed in the southern Philippines since 2002 to provide counterterrorism training and to serve as advisers to Filipino soldiers, a Manila-based briefing Muslim militants for decades.

The agreement states that the U.S. would "not establish a permanent military presence or base in the Philippines," in compliance with Manila's constitution. A Filipino base commander would have access to entire areas to be shared with American forces, according to the primer.

There will be "utmost respect for Philippine sovereignty," it said.

Disagreements over Philippine access to designated U.S. areas within local camps had hampered the negotiations for the agreement last year.

The agreement would promote better coordination between U.S. and Filipino forces, boost the 120,000-strong Philippine mili-

tary's capability to monitor and secure the country's territory and respond more rapidly to natural disasters and other emergencies.

"Pre-positioned materiel will allow for timely responses in the event of disasters — natural or otherwise," the primer said.

While the U.S. military would not be required to pay rent for local camp areas, the Philippines would own buildings and infrastructure to be built or improved by the Americans and would reap economic gains from the U.S. presence, it said, adding the pact was an executive agreement that would not need to be ratified by the Philippine Senate.

The presence of foreign troops is a sensitive issue in the Philippines, a former American colony.

Left-wing activists have protested against Obama's visit and the new defense pact in small but lively demonstrations, saying that the agreement reverses democratic gains achieved when huge U.S. military bases were shut down in the early 1990s, ending nearly a century of American military presence in the Philippines. The Philippine Senate voted in 1991 to close down U.S. bases at Subic and Clark, northwest of Manila. However, it ratified a pact with the U.S. allowing temporary visits by American forces in 1999, four years after China seized a reef the Philippines contests.

Following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States, hundreds of U.S. forces descended in the southern Philippines under

that accord to hold counterterrorism exercises with Filipino troops fighting Muslim militants.

This time, the focus of the Philippines and its underfunded military increasingly has turned to external threats as territorial spats with China in the potentially oil- and gas-rich South China Sea heated up in recent years. The Philippines has turned to Washington to help modernize its navy and air force, which are among Asia's weakest.

China has ignored Philippine diplomatic protests and Manila's move last year to challenge Beijing's expansive territorial claims in the South China Sea before an international arbitration tribunal. It has warned the U.S. to stay out of the Asian dispute.



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Above: Wounded Afghanist and Iraq war veterans set off on March 31 from Da Nang, Vietnam, on a six-day, 320-mile cycling trip to raise money for Vietnam War vets who want to return to Vietnam. Left: Some of the cyclists bike up the Hai Van Pass in central Vietnam.

Cyclists' journey to heal the wounds of war

Post-9/11 vets raise funds so those who fought in Vietnam can make a therapeutic return trip

BY CHARLIE REED
AND DREW BROWN
McClatchy Foreign Staff

HUE, Vietnam — Whenever Army Maj. Yancy Baer deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan — and when he came home the last time in 2009 to face the amputation of a leg — Vietnam veterans were always there to greet him and lend their support.

Baer is now returning the favor. He and six other cyclists, including three other wounded Afghanist and Iraq war vets, completed a 320-mile journey earlier this month through the former battlefields of central Vietnam.

Their mission: to raise money for Vietnam veterans who want to return to this southeast Asian country for the first time since the war but can't afford to make the trip.

"If it wasn't for Vietnam vets standing up and lobbying for veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, I truly believe we wouldn't have the care or the warm homecoming that most of us have experienced," said Baer, 42, of Choctaw, Okla. "It's a shame their generation didn't support them the same way."

Baer lost his left leg below the knee after a noncombat injury in Iraq in 2009. He rode on the bike trip alongside Army Sgt. 1st Class Gabe Monreal, who had his left leg amputated below the knee after a firefight in Afghanistan in 2010. The two buddies met during rehabilitation at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. Baer plans to retire soon. Monreal remains on active duty.

"The Vietnam veterans are doing stuff for us all the time," said Monreal, 37, of Corpus Christi, Texas. "We are so spoiled. The support is incredible."

The cyclists, who rode on behalf of San Antonio-based Opera-

tion Comfort, raised \$170,000 in corporate sponsorships and personal donations. The money will be used to send at least 25 Vietnam veterans back to the country next year.

The cyclists pedaled up and down mountains in unforgiving heat and rain, along winding roads through cities and villages, rice paddies and jungles, where the vestiges of a war that ended 40 years ago still linger.

Six days later, they ended their journey April 6 in the former imperial capital of Hue, where one of the Vietnam War's bloodiest

battles was fought in 1968. They flew home from Hanoi a few days later.

Thirty riders from the United Kingdom's Help for Heroes, some of them veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, also participated in the ride.

Among the American contingent were Army Sgt. 1st Class David "Kaweka" Lau, 39, of Olympia, Wash., and Capt. Chris Rosebrock, 28, of Chicago. Their trip coincided with the day two years ago when a suicide bomber struck their foot patrol in Afghanistan, severely wounding both men. The blast killed three other American troops, five Afghan police officers, an interpreter and 11 civilians.

Lau nearly lost his right leg at the hip, but doctors managed to

save it. A piece of shrapnel nicked Rosebrock's femoral artery and he almost died.

In many ways, the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and Vietnam are the same for those who fought in them, said Lau, who's also set to retire. Those who survive,

he added, face the same gut-wrenching questions such as, "Why did I make it home?"

"It's deep. It's hard to put into words," he said. "Even though their war was 40 years before ours, to sit and talk to them, it's like talking to a guy who

just fought in Afghanistan." Despite his own traumatic experience, Rosebrock said he'd gained a deeper appreciation for the rigors that American combat troops faced in Vietnam.

"It gave me a unique perspective of what these guys fought in," he said. "Because I'm trying to get up a hill on my bike and scouring for shade for a second, and I look across into this thick brush, and I thought, 'How did these guys fight in this?'"

John O'Connell was the only Vietnam veteran to make the ride. He served as a Marine Corps infantry lieutenant along the demilitarized zone during the bloody year of 1969. He'd never planned to return to Vietnam, but after working with today's younger veterans, he changed his mind.

O'Connell taught Baer and Mon-

real how to surf a few years ago in California. Now they, along with Lau and Rosebrock, have helped him achieve the closure that had eluded him for decades.

"I didn't know what I was going to face here," said O'Connell, 67, a retired Los Angeles Police Department captain who lives in Shell Beach, Calif. "There were so many bad memories."

The cyclists passed through some of the places where O'Connell had fought. He remembered being with his Marines — the ones he lost, the ones who are still alive, all of whom he still loves.

"Once we got out to Khe Sanh, it really hit me," O'Connell said. "I yelled out, 'My God, I'm back home again.'"

"When we got to the Rockpile," he added — a mountain that U.S. troops had used as an artillery and observation post — "I actually felt a shot of joy in my heart."

O'Connell led a prayer near a spot where some of his men were killed 45 years ago.

"It was like a final farewell," he said, tears welling in his eyes. "I'm going away grateful for having come back to Vietnam, and I am grateful for having come back with guys like these."

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West Point cadet Austen Boroff, center, of Chatham, N.J., stands in formation as she waits to march to lunch at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

Women: Cadet says gender 'means nothing'

FROM FRONT PAGE

But they carry the same heavy packs, march the same miles and graduate with the same second lieutenant bars the men here do.

"I carry the heavy weapons whenever we do field-training exercises," said cadet Austen Boroff, a woman who refuses to be out-soldiered by her male peers. "I'll take the machine guns so I'm taking more weight."

Cadets like Boroff remain in the minority, just as they do in the broader military. The Air Force and naval academies say their student bodies are about 22 percent female. West Point is at 16 percent, mirroring the gender breakdown in the larger Army.

Caslen, who became superintendent last year, said an increased number of female cadets will do more than serve the Army when thousands of combat positions are slated to open to both sexes by 2016. It will also help integrate women at the academy, he said.

West Point, like the military in general, has taken additional steps to combat sexual harassment and assaults. In one high-profile case, an Army sergeant accused of secretly photographing and videotaping women at West Point pleaded guilty last month in a court-martial.

"My objective is to create the climate, the command climate here at West Point, that not only eliminates harassment and assault but that will also create the teams and create the climate so that every single person feels that they're a member of the team," Caslen said.

West Point has taken a series of subtle steps to increase the percentage of women coming here without lowering admission standards.

The academy has created new recruitment mailings written for girls in their freshman, sopho-



Columns of cadets march across campus to lunch.

more and junior years of high school that note female West Point graduates have gone on to become generals, astronauts, executives and government leaders. The letter asks, "Do you have what it takes to follow in their footsteps?"

The mailings will not bear fruit for this year's incoming class, but director of admissions Col. Deborah McDonald said there has been an increase in the number of female nominees. The academy has begun targeting top-tier female candidates and guiding them through the demanding application process. They already do that for standout scholars, soldiers, athletes and minorities.

The West Point women's lacrosse team is moving up to Division I in 2015, which also is expected to draw more interest from top female athletes who now choose other schools.

Caslen said there's no long-term goal yet for a percentage of female cadets. Also, final numbers on the incoming Class of 2018 won't be known until the new group arrives for cadet basic training July

2. West Point, as of last week, has admitted 229 female applicants and as many as 36 other women from the academy's prep school will be considered.

"I have no concerns at all that we won't actually move right beyond the 20 percent mark," McDonald said. "It might even be as high as 22 percent."

The class coming to West Point this summer will be in the second graduating class in which all branches will be open to women. Female West Point graduates this year can already choose among every Army branch except the infantry and armor.

Boroff, for instance, will go into field artillery.

Despite some headline-making cases, Boroff and other cadets said they feel secure at West Point. Cadet Sarah Melville said she is treated no differently than any male cadet and is rarely reminded of her gender.

"Perhaps occasionally, halfway through the school year, you go, 'Oh, I'm the only girl in this class. OK, cool,'" Melville said. "It means nothing."

US surveillance planes moving to Japan from Guam

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Moving U.S. unmanned aircraft from Guam to mainland Japan this summer will put them closer to the places they will monitor.

Officials have not revealed exactly where the Northrup Grumman Global Hawk will fly to from Misawa Air Base, Japan, other than "various places around the Pacific."

However, the base in northern Japan is a lot closer to the Korean peninsula and other potential hot spots than Guam, the aircraft's home.

The officer who oversees Global Hawk operations worldwide from Grand Forks Air Base, N.D., — 69th Reconnaissance Group commander Col. Lawrence Spinetta — said the aircraft will arrive at Misawa next month and operate there until October.

"Getting further east cuts down on transit time and helps avoid some weather," Spinetta said.

Former Air Force officer Ralph Cossa, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Hawaii, said North Korea is the most likely surveillance target.

The reclusive, nuclear-armed state has been increasingly unstable since leader Kim Jong Un assumed power two years ago. It has launched missiles into the Sea of Japan and flown its own crude drones into South Korean airspace this year. Also there

appear to be preparations underway for the North's fourth nuclear weapons test.

Cossa said Misawa is an ideal place to base the Global Hawks since it already hosts manned surveillance planes and has plenty of room for more aircraft.

"I'm not sure there are a lot of advantages to Guam (as a base for Global Hawk operations)," he said.

One reason to use Misawa is to provide re-assurance to Japan, which feels threatened by Chinese belligerence over disputed off-shore islands, without deploying more assets to Okinawa,

where there is vocal opposition to the presence of U.S. forces, he said.

Spinetta said only a small contingent of pilots and maintenance personnel will travel to Misawa to operate the Global Hawks.

"A runway is a runway," he said. "We send a small footprint downrange. The plane takes off on line-of-sight links, and then we operate it from the States. It requires a very small footprint of forward-deployed airmen."

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UKRAINE UNREST

Pro-Russia forces release 1 Western observer

By PETER LEONARD
The Associated Press

SLOVYANSK, Ukraine — Pro-Russia insurgents on Sunday freed one of the eight European military observers being held prisoner in eastern Ukraine. Earlier in the day, all eight appeared in public for the first time and, under armed guard, gave assurances they weren't being mistreated.

An Associated Press photographer saw Maj. Thomas Johansson of Sweden get into a car with representatives of the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe. They then drove away from the city administration building in Slovyansk, which has become the center of the pro-Russia insurgency in eastern Ukraine.

It wasn't immediately clear why only Johansson was released, but only Johansson was released, but only Johansson had accused the group of being NATO spies, and Sweden isn't a member of the trans-Atlantic alliance.

The insurgents in Slovyansk have taken a number of people hostage, including journalists and pro-Ukraine activists, as they strengthen their control in the east of the country in defiance of the interim government in Kiev and its Western supporters. On Sunday, they captured three Ukrainian security service officers, who were shown to Russian journalists bloodied and blindfolded with packing tape.

Also on Sunday, a crowd of several hundred pro-Russia activists stormed the television broadcasting center in Donetsk, the regional capital of eastern Ukraine, to demand that Russian state channels be put back on the air. The Kiev government last month blocked the broadcasts of the Russian channels, which serve as propaganda tools for the Kremlin.

The crowd included several



Yachyaslav Ponomarev, the self-proclaimed mayor of Slovyansk, right, gestures to a pro-Russian gunman as detained foreign military observer Col. Axel Schneider, left, of Germany and an unidentified man accompany him at a press conference in city hall in Slovyansk, Ukraine, on Sunday.

dozen men wearing camouflage fatigues and face masks, the standard uniform of the pro-Russia forces that have seized government buildings in at least 10 cities in eastern Ukraine.

Col. Axel Schneider from Germany, who spoke for the group of military observers detained on Friday, stressed that they were on a diplomatic mission under the auspices of the OSCE and weren't spying for NATO, as the insurgents claim.

Schneider said additional proof of this was the participation of the

observer from Sweden, which is not a member of NATO.

The observers, who appeared nervous, were in the custody of armed men wearing camouflage fatigues and black balaclavas, who escorted them into the Slovyansk city hall for the news conference and led them away afterward. Schneider, however, said they were being treated as well as possible under the circumstances.

"The mayor of this city granted us his protection and he regarded us as his guests," Schneider told journalists. "I can tell you that the word of the mayor is a word of honor. We have not been touched."

Schneider, who was speaking before Johansson was freed, said he had no information about when they would be released and that this was a matter for diplomats of their countries. In addition to the free Swede, the group includes three German officers and a civilian interpreter, and officers from Poland, Denmark and the Czech Republic.

The German colonel said he understood that the self-proclaimed mayor, Yachyaslav Ponomarev, could use the observers as a bargaining chip.

"Our presence here in Slovyansk is for sure a political instrument for the decision makers here in the region and the possibility to use it for negotiations," Schneider said. "It's logical in the eyes of Mayor Ponomarev that he can use us to present his positions."

Ponomarev said Saturday that the European observers could be released in exchange for jailed pro-Russia activists.

The mayor has refused to specify how many Ukrainian journalists and activists his forces have detained, but he suggested it was several dozen.

On Sunday, the insurgents captured three Ukrainian security service officers, who were shown to journalists in the security service headquarters in Slovyansk. Stripped of their trousers and shoes, they sat with heads bowed.

Igor Strelkov, who has been identified as the commander of the armed insurgents, said the three Ukrainian officers were on a mission to seize leaders of the pro-Russia force when they were captured.

Ukraine's Security Service confirmed that its officers had been seized by armed men. The officers were on a mission to detain a Russian citizen suspected in the killing of a Ukrainian parliament member, the agency said in a statement.

The Ukrainian government and the West have accused Russia of using covert forces to encourage the unrest in eastern Ukraine, where pro-Russia militias have seized police stations and government buildings in at least 10 cities and towns.

The U.S. and other nations in the Group of Seven have announced plans to impose additional economic sanctions on Russia in response to its actions in Ukraine. The European Union also is planning more sanctions, with ambassadors from the bloc's 28 members to meet Monday in Brussels to add to the list of Russian officials who have been hit by asset freezes and travel bans.

"The more names we add to that list the more they do bite in the Russian economy," British Foreign Secretary William Hague said Sunday on Sky News. "But we are also working on more far-reaching measures of economic, trade and financial sanctions. ... We will go ahead with them if necessary, if Russia continues to escalate this crisis."

Dempsey questions Russia's intentions

By EMILY SCHMALL
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Russia certainly has the capability to invade eastern Ukraine, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said Saturday, but he added that he hasn't determined whether the nation's intent is to do so.

Gen. Martin E. Dempsey told The Associated Press after a military symposium in Dallas that he found it "unsettling" that Russia would amass forces along the Ukrainian border and deploy Russian aircraft into Ukrainian airspace to influence its May 25 presidential election.

"They are clearly trying to pressure the upcoming elections, and whatever transitional government might form, using military force," he said.

Dempsey has "grave concern" over Russia's aggressive behavior, according to an earlier statement issued by the Pentagon.

Regarding the captive German-led group of military observers traveling under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Dempsey said he had told his Russian counterpart, Gen. Valery V. Gerasimov, in a telephone conversation last week that the observers could help stabilize the situation in Ukraine.

"We've got observers from the OSCE, some of whom have been denied access by pro-Russian groups, and I suggested to him that one way we could contribute to some kind of stable outcome would be if he on his side and me on my side could seek to get those observers in there so that we could have a neutral party tell us what's going on," he said.

Dempsey refuted Gerasimov's reported assertion by Russia's Interfax news agency that Ukraine has mobilized a "significant number of troops" on the Ukrainian side of the border with Russia.

"That's not at all what our reports indicate is unfolding in Ukraine," he said.

Nevertheless, outside Slovyansk, about 90 miles west of Russia, Ukraine government forces continued operations to form a security cordon as it attempts to quell unrest threatening to derail the planned May election.



EFREM LUKATSKY/AP

Masked pro-Russian activists control an entrance during their mass storming of a regional television center in Donetsk, Ukraine, on Sunday.

NATION



BERETO MATTHEWS/AP

An outreach worker at Boom Health center in Bronx, New York, packages condoms for distribution to sex trade workers Friday. A legislative proposal would prohibit New York police and prosecutors from using the possession of condoms as evidence against suspected sex workers.

NYC may halt confiscation of condoms in prostitution cases

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York City spends more than \$1 million every year to distribute free condoms to combat unintended pregnancies and diseases such as AIDS. Yet city police are allowed to confiscate those very condoms as evidence of prostitution.

That conflict is behind the latest legislative proposal to make New York the first state to prohibit condoms — specifically the existence of multiple condoms — from being used as evidence in prostitution cases, a widespread practice that advocates say undermines decades of public health goals.

"There may be no actual evidence, and the condom is their only way to trying to prove it," said Hawk Kinkaid, a former

male escort who now advocates on their behalf in New York City. "The fear that this will be used against you — it prevents people from being able to protect themselves."

The practice has come under criticism across the country, with prosecutors in San Francisco, Brooklyn and Nassau County in suburban New York City announcing last year they will no longer use condoms as evidence in prostitution cases.

Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice said she decided the benefits of condoms as evidence don't outweigh the public health impact. Most prostitution cases don't go to trial, and trafficking cases typically require much greater evidence.

"Sex workers are more likely victims than they are criminals,

and condom evidence was rarely of any value to a prosecution," Rice said. "If you need that condom so badly in the case against a trafficker, then you don't have a good case."

Legislation to formally abolish the practice across New York state has so far fallen flat. The New York Police Department, which makes about 2,500 prostitution arrests a year, has long opposed the bill but said Friday it was taking a look at its policy of using condoms as evidence.

A 2010 study by the New York City Department of Health surveyed more than 60 sex workers and found that more than half had condoms confiscated by police.

Nearly a third said they had at times not carried condoms because they feared getting into trouble.

Poor reception puts cellphones out of reach for 911 calls

By BRIAN FUNG

The Washington Post

Gary Loffin is the head of a public safety answering point — better known as a 911 dispatch office — in York County, S.C. One day, the office got an emergency call from a woman's cellphone. If she'd been on a landline, finding her would've been a cinch. But because the wireless device couldn't give dispatchers an accurate geolocation fix, it took first-responders half an hour to find her. By the time they arrived, she had died.

"She took her last breath while on the phone with the [dispatcher]," Loffin told public safety re-

searchers later.

Loffin is one of hundreds of public safety officials who say the alarming proportion of 911 calls go unfulfilled because wireless technology fails to help locate victims in time.

In Colorado, a woman who was choking on her own blood died because she couldn't tell the dispatcher where she was. Officials tried to locate her using information from her cellphone signals, but all they could do was find out which tower the device was talking to — which wasn't enough to obtain a street address, let alone an apartment or room number.

Those and other stories account for dozens of pages of a new report

on wireless 911 calls published by a coalition of first responders known as Find Me 911. The group, which includes the U.S. First Responders Association and the American Academy of Emergency Medicine, surveyed some 1,000 public safety answering points nationwide — amounting to roughly 15 percent of all 911 call centers, according to spokesman Andrew Weinstein.

"It just hit a nerve," Weinstein said. "Across the board, they're saying they have regular problems getting data, and strongly, almost to a PSAP, they say that they are regularly getting calls from callers who cannot give locations for one reason or another."

Court cases to address privacy of cellphones

By MARK SHERMAN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two Supreme Court cases about police searches of cellphones without warrants present vastly different views of the ubiquitous device.

Is it a critical tool for a criminal or is it an American's virtual home?

How the justices answer that question could determine the outcome of the cases being argued Tuesday. A drug dealer and a gang member want the court to rule that the searches of their cellphones after their arrest violated their right to privacy in the digital age.

The Obama administration and California, defending the searches, say cellphones are no different from anything else a person may be carrying when arrested. Police may search those items without a warrant under a line of high court cases reaching back 40 years.

What's more, said Donald Verrielli Jr., the administration's top Supreme Court lawyer, "Cellphones are now critical tools in the commission of crimes."

The cases come to the Supreme Court amid separate legal challenges to the massive warrantless collection of telephone records by the National Security Agency and the government's use of technology to track Americans' movements.

Librarians, the news media, defense lawyers and civil liberties groups on the right and left are trying to convince the justices that they should take a broad view of the privacy issues raised when police have unimpeded access to increasingly powerful devices that may contain a wealth of personal data: emails and phone numbers,

photographs, information about purchases and political affiliations, books and a gateway to even more material online.

"Cellphones and other portable electronic devices are, in effect, our new homes," the American Civil Liberties Union said in a court filing that urged the court to apply the same tough standards to cellphone searches that judges have historically applied to police intrusions into a home.

Under the Constitution's Fourth Amendment, police generally need a warrant before they can conduct a search. The warrant itself must be based on "probable cause," evidence that a crime has been committed.

In the early 1970s, the Supreme Court carved out exceptions for officers dealing with people they have arrested. The court was trying to set clear rules that allowed police to look for concealed weapons and prevent the destruction of evidence. Briefcases, wallets, purses and crumpled cigarette packs all are fair game if they are being carried by a suspect or within the person's immediate control.

Car searches pose a somewhat different issue. In 2009, in the case of a suspect handcuffed and placed in the back seat of a police cruiser, the court said police may search a car only if the arrestee "is within reaching distance of the passenger compartment" or if police believe the car contains evidence relevant to the crime for which the person had been arrested.

The Supreme Court is expected to resolve a growing division in state and federal courts over whether cellphones deserve special protection.

and have poor reception, you'll likely be out of luck.

Those and other stories account for dozens of pages of a new report that come with using geolocation data to find cellphone users. In a life-threatening emergency, though, most people would probably consider setting those aside.

Current regulations require cellular carriers to identify a 911 caller's phone number and cell tower to dispatchers within six minutes. Further improvements mandated that carriers provide latitude and longitude data that can pinpoint a caller to within 300 meters.

Federal regulators are now working on rules to address some of those problems.

NATION

Diggers uncover old 'E.T.' games in landfill 'grave'

By JUAN CARLOS LLORCA
The Associated Press

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. — A decades-old urban legend was put to rest Saturday when workers for a documentary film production company recovered "E.T." Atari game cartridges from a heap of garbage buried deep in the New Mexico desert.

The "Atari grave" was, until that moment, a highly debated tale among gaming enthusiasts and other self-described geeks for 30 years. The story claimed that in its death throes, the video game company sent about a dozen truckloads of cartridges of what many call the worst video game ever to be forever hidden in a concrete-covered landfill in southeastern New Mexico.

The search for the cartridges of a game that contributed to the demise of Atari will be featured in an upcoming documentary about the biggest video game company of the early '80s.

As a backhoe scattered a huge scoop of 30-year-old trash and dirt over the sand, the film crew spotted boxes and booklets carrying the Atari logo. Soon after, a game cartridge turned up, then

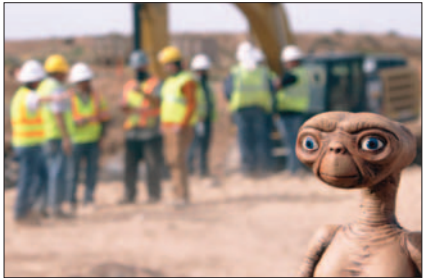
another and another.

Film director Zak Penn showed assembled gaming fans one cartridge retrieved from the site and said that hundreds more were in the surrounding mounds of garbage.

About 200 residents and game enthusiasts gathered early Saturday at the old landfill in Alamogordo to watch crews search for up to 1 million discarded copies of "E.T. The Extraterrestrial" that the game's maker wanted to hide forever.

"I feel pretty relieved and psyched that they actually got to see something," Penn said as members of the production team sifted through the mounds of trash, pulling out boxes, games and other Atari products.

By the time the games were found, only a few dozen people remained. Some were playing the infamous game in a makeshift gaming den with a TV and an 1980s game console in the back of a van, while others took selfies beside a life-size E.T. doll inside a DeLorean car like the one that was turned into a time machine in the "Back To The Future" movies.



JUAN CARLOS LLORCA/AP

An E.T. doll stands by Saturday while construction workers prepare to dig into a landfill in Alamogordo, N.M., where cartridges of Atari's "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" game were buried.



GERALD HERBERT/AP

A bull rears above a prisoner Saturday as he and others try to snatch a poker chip tied to the animal's head in the Guts & Glory event at the Angola Prison Rodeo in Angola, La.

Louisiana's Angola Prison Rodeo celebrates 50 years

By STACEY PLAISANCE
The Associated Press

ANGOLA, La. — They're often thrown like rag dolls and risk being stepped on or gored by bucking bulls and broncos. But in those few seconds in the spotlight of the Angola Prison Rodeo, the inmates feel like they are part of the world again.

Louisiana's most violent criminals, many serving life sentences for murder, are the stars of the nation's longest-running prison rodeo, which is celebrating its 50th year.

In a half-century, the event has grown from a small event for prisoners into a big business that draws thousands of spectators to the Louisiana State Penitentiary. Proceeds go into the prison's Inmate Welfare Fund, which helps pay for inmate education and recreational supplies.

Only the prison's most well-behaved inmates get to participate, said Gary Frank, an award-winning power lifter and former professional football player who serves as the maximum-security prison's athletic director.

Rodeo participants have to pass a physical examination, and thousands of others work year-round making arts and crafts to sell at

the event, he said.

The rodeo is the prison's most coveted event because it is open to the general public. It's held on prison grounds in a stadium that can seat 10,000 spectators.

The rodeo got its start in 1965 at a small arena built by a handful of inmates and prison personnel, but it wasn't until 1967 that the rodeo opened to the public. Even then, attendance was limited because there were no stands. Spectators had to sit on apple crates and the hoods of cars.

The success of the 1967 and 1968 rodeos prompted construction of a 4,500-seat arena, which opened in 1969. As years passed, the rodeo added events and sponsorships, taking on a more professional feel.

The only rodeo professionals who compete are the female riders brought in for the women's barrel racing event, said Gary Young, a spokesman for the prison. There are also professional rodeo bullfighters dressed as clowns who distract the animals once the riders are thrown.

Besides the rodeo, Frank said the prison has 18 basketball teams, 18 volleyball teams, 44 softball teams and about a dozen tackle and flag football teams. There's also an annual tennis

tournament.

"It keeps them occupied, keeps their minds occupied," Frank said. "It also gives them a sense of pride and accomplishment."

The sports also serve as a motivational tool for good behavior.

"Everybody has an inner kid in them, and they just want to play," Frank said. "If they get into a fight, they don't get to play. It helps take out the nonsense."

Milton Billiot, 44, an inmate who's been at Angola since 1990, looks forward to participating in the rodeo every year and said he's never been seriously injured. Billiot said he had experience with horses before being locked up for the shooting death of a cousin after an argument.

He was in three competitions Saturday, including the traditional opener called the "bust out" that includes eight bulls and eight riders. It's one of the most entertaining moments of the day as eight chutes open to release angry bulls ridden by convict cowboys.

"It makes me feel like somebody," Billiot said just before the rodeo started. "You come to Angola with a life sentence; you don't feel like a person anymore. You're a nobody. This gives me a chance to be somebody again, to entertain the people and just have fun."

Strong early storm forces delay of Oklahoma City Marathon

By TIM TALLEY
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Marathon runners took shelter early Sunday as hail and high winds delayed a race dedicated to victims of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, and forecasters warned people in the nation's midsection to prepare for tornadoes and

hurricane-force winds.

Race organizers delayed the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon by 105 minutes to let a severe thunderstorm pass through. With skies still gloomy, marathon organizers tweeted a photo from downtown with the caption: "I lined up and ready to run!"

After 168 seconds of silence to remember bombing victims, the

race started at 8:15 a.m.

The National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center said the risk of tornadoes would rise throughout the day, centered in an area stretching from Omaha, Neb., south to northern Louisiana.

"The greatest risk for a few intense tornadoes will exist across much of Arkansas perhaps into

western and central Missouri," an advisory from forecasters said. Storms could also reach the Delta region of northwestern Mississippi late in the day.

Hail and high winds could hit the areas that don't see tornadoes, the forecasters said. They warned that hail could be the size of baseballs and wind gusts could reach hurricane force: 75 mph or

higher.

Oklahoma City's marathon is held each year near the anniversary of the bombing.

On April 19, 1995, Timothy McVeigh loaded a truck with fuel oil and fertilizer and exploded it outside the city's federal building, killing 168 people. A museum, a memorial garden and a reflecting pool now fill the site of the blast.

WORLD



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Pope Francis, bottom left, is driven through the crowd after the canonization ceremony in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Sunday.

2 popes canonized in historic event

The Associated Press

Pope Francis declared Popes John XXIII and John Paul II saints on Sunday in an unprecedented ceremony made even more historic by the presence of emeritus Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Square.

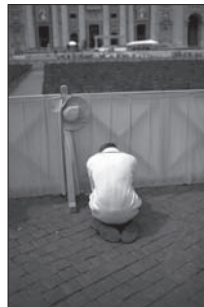
"John XXIII and John Paul II cooperated with the Holy Spirit in renewing and updating the church in keeping with her pristine features, those features which the saints have given her throughout the centuries," Francis said.

It was Benedict who put John Paul on the fast-track for possible sainthood just weeks after he died in 2005, responding to the chants of "Santo Subito!" or "Sainthood Now!" that erupted during his funeral Mass. His canonization is now the fastest in modern times.

Francis took a deep breath and paused for a moment before reciting the saint-making formula in Latin at the start of the ceremony, as if moved by the history he was about to make in canonizing two popes at once.



From left: Pope Francis kisses the relic of Pope John Paul II during the ceremony; a worshiper prays in St. Peter's Square.



Watchdog urges Syria to meet weapons deadline

The Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — The head of an international mission to Syria charged with destroying the country's chemical weapons called on President Bashar Assad's government Sunday to ensure it meets a deadline to destroy its toxic chemicals amid a raging civil war.

Also Sunday, four more candidates announced their candidacy for Syria's upcoming June presi-

dential election, state television announced, a poll Assad is expected to win.

Meanwhile, clashes raging through the northern city of Aleppo killed and wounded at least 70 people, activists reported.

Sigrid Kaag, of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, told reporters in Damascus that 92.5 percent of Syria's chemical materials had been removed from the country and destroyed. She called it "significant

progress," although she called on Syria's government to ensure remaining materials would be eradicated by the end of April. "I strongly encourage (the Syrian government) to go for that last push so we can really talk of hundred percent removal and destruction," Kaag said.

Syria missed an April 13 deadline to destroy all its chemical weapons in accessible locations. International experts say that could affect reaching a June 30

deadline to remove all of Syria's chemical weapons.

"An important [achievement] has been made in permanently closing down production facilities," Kaag said, adding that it came in "a very short period of time and under difficult and challenging security conditions."

Another 12 chemical weapons production facilities are still being reviewed by the OPCW to see how they will be destroyed, she said.

S. Korean prime minister resigns over ferry disaster

The Associated Press

JINDO, South Korea — South Korea's prime minister resigned Sunday over the government's handling of a ferry sinking that has left more than 300 people dead or missing and led to widespread shame, fury and finger-pointing, blaming "deep-rooted evils" in society for the tragedy.

South Korean executive power is largely concentrated in the president, so Chung Hong-won's resignation appears to be sym-

bolic. Presidential spokesman Min Kyung-wook said President Park Geun-hye would accept the resignation, but did not say when Chung would leave office.

Chung's resignation comes amid rising indignation over claims by the victims' relatives that the government did not do enough to rescue or protect their loved ones. Most of the dead and missing were high school students on a school trip.

Officials have taken into cus-

tody all 15 people involved in navigating the ferry Sewol, which sank April 16. A prosecutor revealed that investigators were also looking into communications made between a crewmember and the company that owns the ferry as the ship sank.

Chung was heckled by victims' relatives and his car was blocked when he visited a shelter on an island near the site of the sinking a week ago. On Sunday, he gave his reasoning for the resignation to

reporters in Seoul.

"As I saw grieving families suffering with the pain of losing their loved ones and the sadness and resentment of the public, I thought I should take all responsibility as prime minister," Chung said.

"There have been so many varieties of irregularities that have continued in every corner of our society and practices that have gone wrong. I hope these deep-rooted evils get corrected this time and this kind of accident never happens again," he said.

Iran to target decoy US aircraft carrier in drills

TEHRAN, Iran — An Iranian newspaper is reporting that the country's military plans to target a mock-up American aircraft carrier during upcoming war games.

The Sunday report by independent Haft-e Sobh daily quotes Adm. Ali Fadavi, navy chief of the powerful Revolutionary Guards as saying Iranian forces should "target the carrier in the trainings, after it is completed."

Adm. Fadavi said, "We should learn about weaknesses and strengths of our enemy."

It was the first reaction by Iranian officials to a March report that said Iran is building a simple replica of the USS Nimitz in a shipyard in the southern port of Bandar Abbas.

Iraqi security forces ambush militant convoy

BAGHDAD — A government spokesman said security forces ambushed a convoy of fuel tankers trying to illegally enter Iraq from Syria, killing at least eight drivers.

Interior Ministry spokesman Saad Maan Ibrahim said the operation took place near the Iraqi border at dawn Sunday. Ibrahim said intelligence reports suggest the convoy was aiming to supply an al-Qaida spin-off group, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

Yemeni lawmakers to consider marriage age

SANAA, Yemen — An international rights group said a law setting 18 as the minimum age to get married will be proposed in Yemen and has urged its passage.

Human Rights Watch said in a statement that the draft law would be presented to the government Sunday by the Legal Affairs Minister Mohammed al-Mekhlafi. It said the law will be reviewed by the Cabinet before it is submitted to parliament.

Ebola outbreak kills over 145 in W. Africa

CONAKRY, Guinea — The Ebola outbreak in West Africa has claimed 145 lives, more than 145 lives so far. More than 240 people, mostly in Guinea, are suspected of having caught the illness, which causes horrific suffering, including bursting blood vessels and bleeding from ears and other orifices. There is no vaccine and no treatment as the disease is almost always fatal.

A handful of the infected do survive. About 30 patients have survived in Guinea so far, according to Doctors Without Borders. Surviving Ebola is a matter of staying alive long enough to have the chance to develop enough antibodies to fight off the virus, said David Heymann, of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. That's because it's typically the symptoms of Ebola — severe fever, hemorrhaging, dehydration, respiratory problems — that kill a patient.

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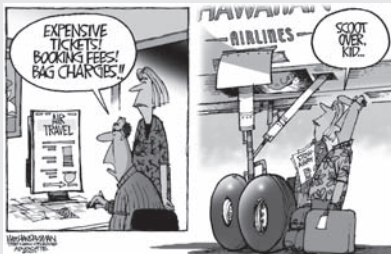
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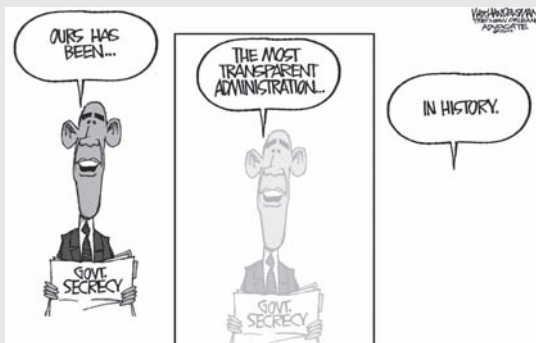
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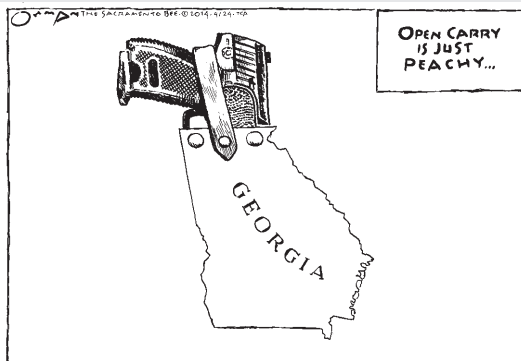
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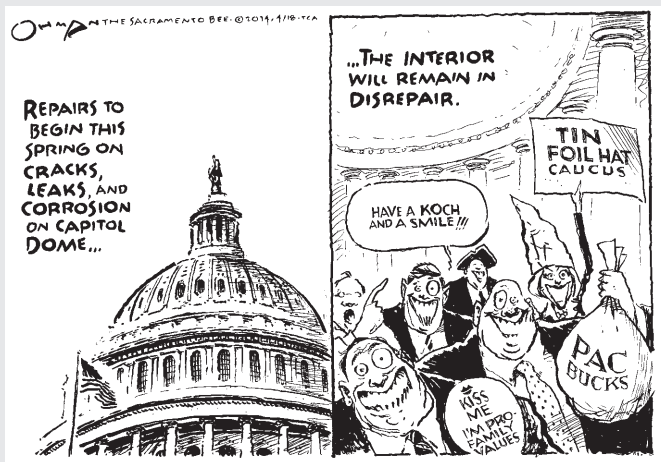
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NATION

By VERENA DOBNIK
The Associated Press

They were designed for the 1964 World's Fair as sleek, space-age visions of the future: three towers topped by flying-saucer-like platforms, and a pavilion of pillars with a suspended, shimmering roof that was billed as the "Tent of Tomorrow."

That imagined tomorrow has come and gone. Now the structures are abandoned relics, with rusted beams, faded paint and cracked concrete.

As the fair's 50th anniversary approaches, the remains of the New York State Pavilion are getting renewed attention — from preservationists who believe they should be restored and from critics who see them as hulking eyesores that should be torn down. Neither option would come cheap: an estimated \$14 million for demolition and \$32 million to \$72 million for renovation.

"It is the Eiffel Tower of Queens," said Matthew Silva, who's making a documentary about the pavilion in Queens' Flushing Meadows Corona Park, comparing it to a remnant of the 1889 Paris Exposition that was also threatened with demolition before it was saved.

Designed by famed architect Philip Johnson, the New York structures debuted with the rest of the World's Fair on April 22, 1964, and quickly became among its most popular attractions.

Visitors rode glass "Sky Streak" elevators to the observation deck of a 226-foot tower — the highest point in the fair. The two shorter towers, at 150 and 60 feet, held a cafeteria and a VIP lounge.

The pavilion's 16, 100-foot-tall concrete columns supported what was then the largest suspended roof in the world, a 50,000-square-foot expanse of translucent, multicolored tiles. On the floor below was a \$1 million, 9,000-square-foot terrazzo tile map of the state, with details of cities, towns and highways.

In the years after the fair, the pavilion was used as a music venue for such acts as Led Zeppelin, the Grateful Dead and Fleetwood Mac. In the '70s, it became a roller skating rink until the collapse of the ceiling tiles, leaving only bare cables behind.

The towers, while still structurally sound, were abandoned as observation decks long ago for



PHOTOS BY BEBETO MATTHEWS/AP

Space-age towers, a giant metal globe called the Unisphere and a pavilion of pillars once called the "Tent of Tomorrow" are among the relics from the 1964 World's Fair in Queens, New York.

EYESORES RELICS OF NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR OR ICONS?

safety reasons. Their retro-futuristic look has been most widely known from its use in such movies as "Men in Black" and "Iron Man 2."

Although occasionally opened for tours, the towers and pavilion — the last major structures still standing from the World's Fair that have not been preserved — have largely served as a stoic landmark for travelers on the Van Wyck Expressway. Two padlocked gates — one chain-link, one metal — keep the Tent of Tomorrow shuttered.

"It should be called the 'Tent of Yesterday,'" said Ben Haber, who lives near the park. "This is not the Parthenon, it's not the Sphinx, it's not the pyramids. ... So what's so special that we should keep it?"

At the heart of the debate is the cost. While the city's Parks Department commissioned studies on the cost of scrapping or renovating the complex, it is still unclear where that money would come from and, if restored, how the structures would be used. If the money comes through, work on the city-owned pavilion could begin as early as next year once officials make a decision.

Queens Borough President Melinda Katz has formed a task force dedicated to preserving the pavilion, noting that other structures from the World's Fair have been saved, most notably the 12-story-tall metal globe called the Unisphere, the Hall of Science and the Queens Museum.

Among the ideas are to convert the towers once again into observation decks or an elevated garden or even a platform for bungee jumping, with the open-air pavilion turned into a performance space with a removable stage and bleachers.

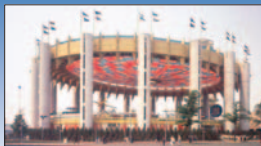
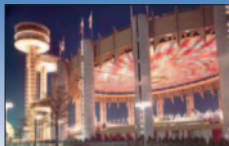
While that debate plays out, a small group of World's Fair buffs formed to repaint the pavilion for its April 22 anniversary.

"I just loved this pavilion," said volunteer painter John Piro, 63. "And as the years went on I saw it decay and it just like tore my heart."

Haber, the Queens resident, argues that nostalgia is fine, but the cost of saving the complex is just too much.

"Urban parks are the backyards for people who don't have them — so they can sit on the grass, look at trees, flowers, water," Haber said. "They do not want to look at glass, steel and cement structures."

SCENES FROM THE 1964 WORLD'S FAIR » » »



AP photos

These 1964 photos show the New York State Pavilion and the 226-foot "Sky Streak" observation towers designed by architect Philip Johnson at the New York World's Fair.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

BEAUTY ≠ BRAINS

Research shows no connection, but people equate good looks with intelligence

By CHRISTOPHER INGRAHAM

The Washington Post

New research offers good news and bad news for the homely among us. First, the good news: People can't tell how smart you are by how good you look.

The bad news? They think they can. As reported last month in the journal *Plos One*, researchers had 40 men and 40 women take a standard intelligence test. Then they photographed the subject's faces, instructing them "to adopt a neutral, nonsmiling expression and avoid facial cosmetics, jewelry, and other decorations."

Next, 160 strangers reviewed the photographs. Half of the reviewers rated the photos according to how smart the subjects looked, while the other half rated them according to the subjects' attractiveness.

The researchers found a strong relationship between how attractive people thought a person was and assumptions about their intelligence. The higher the attractiveness rating, the higher the intelligence rating for smart. This relationship was particularly strong when the subjects were female.

But the connection between perceived intelligence and actual intelligence was much less clear. Indeed, there was a significant gender gap. Reviews did pretty well at guessing the actual intelligence of men, but they were completely lost when trying to identify smart women.

Researchers surmised that judging women on their intelligence — rather than their attractiveness — may just not be something people practice very much. "The strong halo effect of attractiveness may thus prevent an accurate assessment of the intelligence of women," they said.

It gets weirder. When researchers compared the attractiveness ratings for various subjects with their IQ scores, they found no relationship whatsoever. That suggests there is absolutely no connection between brains and beauty. But assumptions about a person's intelligence seem to be based largely on stereotypes related, at least in part, to notions of attractiveness.

To probe that idea further, the researchers constructed "intelligence stereotypes" for both men and women using the photographs reviewers had rated by level of intelligence.

"Our data suggest that a clear mental image [of] how a smart face should look does exist for both men and women within the community of human raters," the researchers concluded. "... In both sexes, a narrower face with a thinner chin and a larger prolonged nose characterizes the predicted stereotype of high intelligence, while a rather oval and broader face with a massive chin and a smallish nose characterizes the prediction of low-intelligence."

These assumptions carry centuries of cultural baggage. More to the point, they're simply wrong. The researchers found no relationship between these facial stereotypes and a person's actual intelligence.

"Men and women with specific facial traits were perceived as highly intelligent," the researchers concluded.

"However, these faces of supposed high and low intelligence probably represent

nothing more than a cultural stereotype because these morphological traits do not correlate with the real intelligence of the subjects."

It's worth noting that the study was conducted in the Czech Republic, which is overwhelmingly white and troubled by violence against the Roma minority. The researchers say nothing about the race or ethnicity of their subjects or the reviewers.

So where does that leave us? While it's comforting to know that there's no real connection between brains and beauty, we nonetheless form opinions of each other as if

there were. That can have measurable, real-world consequences.

Daniel Hamermesh, an economist at the University of Texas at Austin, wrote in an August 2011 *New York Times* op-ed that being attractive "helps you earn more money, find a higher-earning spouse (and one who looks better, too!) and get better deals on mortgages." All told, he wrote, the lifetime earnings difference between people at opposite ends of the attractiveness spectrum averages out to about \$230,000, in beauty's favor.

Finally, the research suggests one thing everyone can do to boost others' assessment of our intelligence: Smile more.

"There also seems to be a correlation between semblances of emotions of joy or anger in perceptions of high or low intelligence in faces, respectively," the researchers write. "The 'high intelligence' faces appear to be smiling more than the 'low intelligence' faces."

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

State highway official gets pass for speeding

AR LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas' top highway official has acknowledged he was speeding when he was pulled over last week, though he was not issued a ticket.

Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department director Scott Bennett acknowledged in an interview with the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette that he was going over the speed limit on Tuesday.

A state trooper pulled Bennett over after he was clocked going 81 mph in a construction zone, which has a speed limit of 60 mph. The speed limit before the work zone is 70 mph. Documentation from the department's fleet-management system shows Bennett was driving no faster than 72 mph before the stop.

State police spokesman Bill Sadler said the trooper who pulled Bennett over looked at the overall situation and exercised his discretion.

Truck falls through ice; woman wins \$1,600

MI ESCANABA — It's become a tradition in Escanaba, perhaps the real end to winter: When will a pickup truck fall through the melting ice in Little Bay de Noc in the Upper Peninsula?

It finally happened Thursday, and the winning prediction was made by Cheryl Ohman, who guessed the correct date. Her time prediction was just 25 seconds off the exact time.

Ohman gets about \$1,600, free tires and two passes to Bark River International Raceway. The ice-breaker contest is sponsored by the Bark River Lions Club, which spends half of the \$2 entry fees on local charity.

The pickup has no engine. It also is tethered to a dock with a cable so it's easier to retrieve when it falls through the ice.

Cancer-stricken mom sees daughter graduate

OH NEWARK — A terminally ill woman with inoperable pancreatic cancer was able to see her 17-year-old daughter graduate from high school during a special ceremony held in her hospice room.

Evie Shumaker was due to graduate from Newark Digital Academy in central Ohio on May 31. When she told her teachers that her mother, Melissa Shumaker, 57, had late-stage cancer, they decided to organize an impromptu graduation celebration Monday at Licking Memorial Hospital.

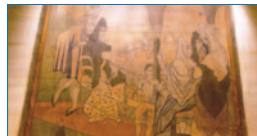
The teen dressed in a cap and gown, "Pomp and Circumstance" played on a cellphone, and Shumaker saw school officials hand her daughter a diploma.

"It's been really hard because I didn't think she would actually see me graduate," Evie told The Advocate in Newark. "So the fact that the school did that for me, and my mom was able to see me — it's one of those moments in my life that I'm never going to forget."

THE CENSUS

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The size in square feet of a Pablo Picasso painting, the largest Picasso in the United States, that has graced a wall of the Four Seasons restaurant in New York since it opened in 1959. The 19-by-20-foot stage curtain, called "Le Tricorne," has tached off a spot as the building's owner says the artwork must be removed to make way for repairs to the wall behind it. The nonprofit Landmarks Conservancy, which owns the curtain, says taking down the brittle work could destroy it, and it is suing to stop the move. The controversy has drawn a stream of art students, history buffs and other sightseers to look at the canvas.



CHRIS PIETSCH, THE (EUGENE, ORE.) REGISTER-GUARD/AP

Full metal whack-it

Trenton Fleenor, 13, takes a mighty swing with a wooden stick at a fully armored Ripper Moore, a local reality TV star from the show "Full Metal Jousting." Moore put on the demonstration of Renaissance-era weapons for seventh- and eighth-graders at Agnes Stewart Middle School in Springfield, Ore., on Friday.

Lawmakers plan to boost marijuana profits

CO DENVER — The federal government has reluctantly agreed to let Colorado be the first state to collect taxes from the legal sale of recreational marijuana, but it also has made clear it doesn't agree with the move and may try to stop it if isn't tightly controlled.

Instead of keeping a low profile with the money, however, some Colorado lawmakers are trying the bold move of using millions of dollars they've collected so far from pot sales to seek matching funds from the federal government to keep kids off drugs.

The plan calls for transferring \$3.5 million from the state's marijuana cash fund to its general fund and then sending the same amount to a state department that would apply for a federal match.

Supporters say the transfer shouldn't raise any concerns since federal authorities already collect marijuana dollars from

the state's medical pot industry and have established guidelines for recreational sales that include keeping the drug away from minors and off federal lands.

Moving the money from one fund to another, proponents say, simply acknowledges and avoids potential conflict.

Skeptics are rolling their eyes. "Colorado is now becoming basically a cartel, a drug cartel," said Sen. Kent Lambert, a Republican on the budget-writing committee, who nonetheless voted in favor.

Explosion levels house; gas leak suspected

IL LONG GROVE — Authorities said a natural gas leak might have caused an explosion that leveled a home and damaged more than two dozen others in a northwest Chicago suburb.

Sgt. Gianni Giamberduca, of the Lake County Sheriff's Office, said that's the conclusion of a preliminary review, though authorities are investigating further.

Sgt. Erwin Drummond told the (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald a resident of the home smelled gas, saw sparks on a power generator and got out of the house moments before it exploded around 10:30 p.m. Friday.

Don Thorp, who lives next door, told the Chicago Sun-Times there were two explosions, a small one that sparked a fire and a bigger one that leveled the house about three minutes later.

Sheriff: Coast tightrope walker swept into ocean

OR PACIFIC CITY — Authorities said a Portland man trying to walk across a homemade tightrope between two large rock sections on the north Oregon coast is missing after a large wave hit him and swept him into the ocean.

Tillamook County Sheriff Andy Long said Friday that James Michael Alejandro, 25, was climbing on a rocky area of Cape Kiwanda with several others Thursday

afternoon when he connected a single rope between two large rock sections above the water and tried to walk it.

Witnesses say he was briefly seen in the ocean but they lost sight of him.

Army base to get large solar array for power

AZ SIERRA VISTA — The federal government, a utility and a private developer are teaming up to provide Fort Huachuca with a large solar array that will supply the Army base in southeastern Arizona with a quarter of its electricity needs.

Army Assistant Secretary Katherine Hammack said the solar array at the base in Sierra Vista will be the largest on a U.S. military installation.

The project is a joint effort between the Army, the federal General Services Administration, Tucson Electric Power and developer E.ON Climate and Renewables.

From wire reports

FACES

Leto: 'My Oscar is a filthy mess'

By RYAN PEARSON
The Associated Press

Jared Leto says that while his Oscar has led to new opportunities in Hollywood, he isn't overly concerned with the trophy itself.

The actor-musician took home the gold statuette last month for his supporting role as transgender drug addict Rayon in "Dallas Buyers Club." It's sustained a few scrapes since then after circulating among friends.

"I damaged it. But then I came home and saw it had another nick on it. So it looks like someone else had fun with it, too," Leto said in an interview. "My Oscar is a filthy mess. Everybody was pawing that thing. I kind of was just passing it around at parties. A couple of times I lost sight of it and I thought, 'You know, if it goes away, it's not meant to be mine.' But it always seemed to find its way back to me."

Leto is promoting "Artifact," a documentary he directed about the battle that his band, 30 Seconds to Mars, had with its record label over its contract and a \$30 million lawsuit. The film, available on iTunes, aired April 26 on VH1 and Palladia in the U.S.

The 42-year-old said his success with "Buyers Club" has renewed his interest in acting — partly because of renewed interest in him from top filmmakers.

"Yeah, I'm looking at scripts and reading scripts. Which is interesting because I didn't read scripts for years before 'Dallas Buyers Club,'" he said. "But now ... you have opportunities to work with people that you really respect or admire, people whose work has



JORDAN STRAUSS, INVISION/AP

Jared Leto — with his award for best actor in a supporting role at the Oscars in March — says after passing the statuette among friends, it's now damaged. "Everybody was pawing that thing," he says.

been inspiring and influential."

Leto has directed many of his band's music videos. He directed "Artifact" under the name Bartholomew Cubbins. And, yes, he's a prime example of the old actor cliché: What he really wants to do is direct features.

"I think that would be really great. And when I have the right story to tell I'll certainly do that," Leto said. "You know I got into this crazy business because I was interested in being a filmmaker

and director. I was in ... art school studying to be a painter. And then I switched my major to filmmaking and dropped out to pursue acting because I thought it would help me get a job as a director."

There's been a surge of interest in 30 Seconds to Mars. Their last album, "Love, Lust, Faith & Dreams," was released in May 2013 but jumped to No. 25 on the Billboard charts after the Oscar ceremony. The band discounted it briefly and released a new single,

"Do or Die."

Leto said he hasn't been strategically marketing the group to capitalize on his Hollywood momentum. But, he acknowledges, "I mean it's hard to separate these things in my life. I can't manage to separate them — whether I'm director or editor or actor or musician or tech entrepreneur, I'm doing all kinds of things all the time," he said. "And I would go crazy if I tried to put a wall up in between them all."



Bravo

From winner to host: Late night star Seth Meyers will take on the Emmys on Aug. 25.

NBC picks Meyers for Emmys host

The Associated Press

Seth Meyers will take his late-night act to prime time as the next host of the Emmy Awards.

NBC, home to Meyers in his long stint on "Saturday Night Live" and his new late-night talk show, announced late Thursday that he will host the 66th edition of the Emmys set to air on the network Aug. 25.

Neil Patrick Harris hosted in 2013.

The show will be telecast live from the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles.

The 40-year-old Meyers, himself an Emmy winner, debuted as host of "Late Night With Seth Meyers" in February, taking over the slot of Jimmy Fallon, who moved on to "The Tonight Show." Before that he had been on "SNL" since 2001 and served as the show's head writer since 2006.

Other news

■ Oscar-winning director Peter Jackson says the original title of "The Hobbit" finale, "There and Back Again," felt misplaced since Baginns arrived at his destination in the second film. The final film based on the J.R.R. Tolkien fantasy adventure has been renamed "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies."

■ ABC News has signed George Stephanopoulos to a contract extension, the last member of its "Good Morning America" team to agree to a new deal. ABC News said April 24 that Stephanopoulos will remain as Robin Roberts' chief partner on the top-rated morning show, and will continue as host on the Sunday morning show "This Week."

■ The cause is right for Bob Barker, whose love of animals is returning him to TV in the U.S. on April 30 as a guest star on "The Bold and the Beautiful." Appearing as himself, the animal rights activist will be interviewed by Liam Spencer, played by Scott Clifton, for a feature article on conservation and the pet population.

■ Paul McCartney is set to return to Candlestick Park to offer a swan song to the San Francisco 49ers' former stadium. McCartney's website posted a statement April 24 confirming that the former Beatle will perform on Aug. 14 at what is being billed as the last concert at Candlestick.



James Franco calls recent selfies 'intimate'

James Franco says his recent Instagram postings of him in bed — alone or not — are his way of sharing a "very kind of intimate portrait" of himself and to get people talking.

"It's not like I'm exposing myself or anything," he said in an interview April 24.

Franco calls selfies and Instagram phenomena "that I am just playing around with like everybody else" to see what kind of reaction it evokes. He says when he takes pictures of himself, "It's almost like it's connected to you" and that by putting "that intimate space out there it's kind of this new thing that we're all getting used to."

He also says that he "obviously caught a lot of star," noting that he was being asked about the photos by reporters.

From The Associated Press

'Modern Family' dad opens beer restaurant

By BRADY MCCOMBS
The Associated Press

He plays a bumbling dad on "Modern Family," but in Salt Lake City Ty Burrell is trying out for a role as restaurateur.

Burrell has just opened Beer Bar, a beer garden-like eatery that serves 150 beers paired up with an array of house-made bratwursts, local breads and Belgian fries. The restaurant, which has high ceilings and long tables and benches to evoke that Bavarian beer hall feel, is next door to the cocktail bar Burrell co-owns with an equally simple name, Bar X.

"It's a super simple menu, which is what we wanted from the beginning," says Burrell, sporting a scruffy beard and glasses. "Basic, but well-made and local. Instead of putting the energy into a lot of elements, making sure you have fewer elements and you are taking the time to make them right."

For the menu, the Emmy-winning actor teamed up with Viet Pham, an up-and-coming Salt Lake City chef who was one of Food and Wine magazine's best new chefs in 2011. Burrell met Pham when he and his wife ate at Forage, Pham's Salt Lake City restaurant, and were blown away by Pham's cooking. It turned out that Pham was a fan of Bar X, and the seeds for the future partnership were planted.

Pham created what has become Beer Bar's signature dish: the Reuben brat. It's a sandwich stuffed with pastrami, bratwurst, Swiss cheese and pickled vegetables that Burrell says he's already eaten way too many of.

The bar and restaurant cement Burrell's roots in Salt Lake City, known less for attracting Hollywood



RICK BOWMAN/AP

"Modern Family" star Ty Burrell opened Beer Bar, a beer garden-like eatery that serves 150 beers, bratwursts and Belgian fries. It's in Salt Lake City.

types and more as host of the 2002 Winter Olympics and home to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Though born and raised in Oregon, Burrell says he now feels very much like a "Salt Laker," having lived in the city since 2008. He and his wife, who was born and raised in Utah, live here part of the year with their two young daughters when Burrell is not in Los Angeles filming Modern Family or working on other projects. "I loved it from the first time I got here," he said. "It's a very unassuming place, it's a very humble place."

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Middle class home-buying perk fading

By Josh Boak
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For three decades, the U.S. middle class once enjoyed a rare financial advantage over the wealthy: lower mortgage rates.

Now, even that perk is fading away.

Most ordinary homebuyers are paying the same or higher rates than the fortunate few who can afford much more.

Rates for a conventional 30-year fixed mortgage are averaging 4.48 percent, according to Bankrate. For "jumbo" mortgages — those above \$417,000 in much of the country — the average is 4.47 percent.

This trend reflects the widening wealth gap between the richest Americans and everyone else. Bankers now view jumbo borrowers as safer and shrewder than even though conventional borrowers put less capital at risk.

Even as the overall U.S. hous-

ing recovery has slowed, sales of homes above \$1 million have surged in the past year. Price gains have been so great in some areas that middle-class buyers are straining to afford even modest homes. They're also facing tighter lending rules, larger down-payment requirements and a shortage of houses for sale.

Used to be, rates for conventional mortgages would be 0.2 to 0.3 percentage points below rates on jumbo mortgages. A decade ago, a conventional rate averaged 5.68 percent, a jumbo 5.97 percent. The advantage for middle-class borrowers was possible in part because government-chartered firms guarantee that lenders will be paid on a conventional mortgage even if a borrower defaults. No such guarantee exists for jumbos.

Two factors have caused the spread between conventional and jumbo rates to vanish:

■ The government in 2012 began raising the fees it charges

lenders for guaranteeing payments on conventional mortgages. Lenders passed along that increase to borrowers in the form of higher rates. The fees are meant to stop home buyers from once again borrowing more than they can afford — a trend that fueled the 2007 housing bust.

■ Bankers say they've begun using mortgage rates to woo high-net-worth clients. Attractive rates on jumbos have become a way to secure additional business from those clients — from managing their investments to supplying a broad suite of financial services. What's more, those borrowers tend to be clustered in neighborhoods that lenders consider more stable.

"Jumbo borrowers represent the holy grail of what financial institutions are pursuing: that much-desired, mass affluent customer," said Greg McBride, a senior analyst at Bankrate.

In the first three months of 2014, 37 percent of the money Bank of

America lent for mortgages went to jumbos, compared with 22 percent at the same point last year.

The lower rates are geared for affluent borrowers living in "sweet spots" with strong employment and stable home prices — areas like metro New York City, Boston and sections of Chicago, said Matt Vernon, who leads consumer mortgage lending at Bank of America.

"We're lending where we believe home ownership is sustainable," Vernon said.

Wells Fargo offers jumbos starting at 4.25 percent, about 0.25 percentage points lower than for conventional mortgages. This month, Wells Fargo trumpeted the spillover benefits of increased jumbo lending — a 14 percent year-over-year increase in loans from its separate "wealth, brokerage and retirement" division.

"Hopefully, it'll continue to go up," Wells Fargo CFO Timothy Sloan said of prospects for continued jumbo lending.

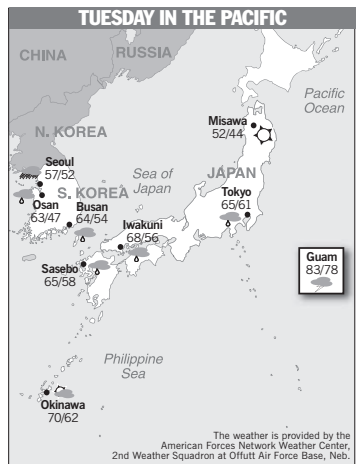
EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (April 28)	\$1.4194
Dollar buys (April 28)	€0.7045
British pound (April 28)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (April 28)	100.00
South Korean won (April 28)	1,011.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6800/5.942
Canada (dollar)	1.1040
China (Yuan)	6.2538
Denmark (Krone)	5.3953
Egypt (Pound)	6.991
Euro	\$1.3837/2.724
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7534
Hungary (Forint)	224.17
Israel (Shekel)	3.4726
Japan (Yen)	102.14
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2820
Norway (Krone)	6.0819
Poland (Zloty)	44.62
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7506
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2567
South Korea (Won)	1,041.15
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8809
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.27
Turkey (Lira)	2.1340
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., rates provided for reference when buying currency, check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.25
Federal funds market rate	0.10
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.44

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Tex	83	51	Cir	Chattanooga	80	62	Rain	Fort Wayne	66	46	Rain	Louisville	79	65	Rain
Akron, Ohio	65	40	Rain	Chenay	45	31	Cir	Fresno	80	49	Cir	Lubbock	75	45	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	38	38	Pcldy	Chicago	57	46	Rain	Goodland	57	35	Cir	Macon	86	61	Cldy
Albuquerque	64	39	Cir	Cincinnati	74	57	Rain	Grand Junction	54	33	Cir	Madison	82	42	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	65	37	Pcldy	Cleveland	61	41	Rain	Grand Rapids	57	41	Rain	Medford	67	38	Pcldy
Anchorage	51	38	Cir	Colorado Springs	55	31	Cldy	Great Falls	51	33	Cir	Mempphis	80	69	Rain
Asheville	75	56	Pcldy	Columbia, S.C.	85	61	Cldy	Green Bay	71	58	Cir	Miami Beach	84	74	Pcldy
Atlanta	82	64	Rain	Columbus, Ga.	85	64	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	71	58	Cir	Midland-Odessa	82	50	Cir
Atlantic City	61	40	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	72	52	Rain	Harrisburg	63	42	Cldy	Milwaukee	44	40	Rain
Austin	82	64	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	59	34	Cldy	Hartford Spfld	61	39	Rain	Mpls-St Paul	50	31	Cldy
Baltimore	64	45	Cldy	Corpus Christi	93	72	Pcldy	Hellena	53	33	Pcldy	Missoula	50	31	Cldy
Baton Rouge	85	67	Cir	Dallas-Ft Worth	86	59	Cir	Honolulu	84	72	Cir	Mobile	61	38	Cir
Bilings	62	36	Cir	Dayton	72	52	Rain	Houston	90	71	Cldy	Montgomery	85	64	Rain
Birmingham	81	65	Rain	Daytona Beach	86	66	Pcldy	Huntsville	79	63	Rain	Nashville	80	63	Rain
Bismarck	44	39	Rain	Denver	51	34	Cldy	Indianapolis	74	57	Rain	New Orleans	83	70	Cldy
Boise	55	34	Cir	Des Moines	69	57	Rain	Jacksonville	85	70	Rain	New York City	64	44	Pcldy
Boston	56	42	Cldy	Detroit	56	43	Rain	Jacksonville, Fla.	89	66	Pcldy	Newark	64	44	Pcldy
Bridgeport	62	41	Cldy	Duluth	36	31	Cldy	Jamez	52	38	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	53	33	Cldy
Brownsville	91	76	Cir	El Paso	79	53	Cldy	Kansas City	69	54	Pcldy	North Platte	54	40	Cldy
Buffalo	58	37	Pcldy	Elkins	70	44	Cldy	Key West	82	77	Pcldy	Omaha	66	51	Pcldy
Burlington, Vt.	49	35	Cldy	Erie	56	37	Rain	Knoxville	79	63	Rain	Omaha	66	51	Pcldy
Caribou, Maine	49	35	Cldy	Evansville	63	41	Cldy	Lake Charles	83	71	Cldy	Orlando	90	67	Cldy
Charleston, S.C.	85	64	Cir	Fairbanks	56	31	Pcldy	Lake Las Vegas	54	39	Rain	Paderborn	79	66	Rain
Charleston, W.Va.	76	53	Rain	Fargo	46	31	Cir	Lake Lexington	79	63	Rain	Pendleton	61	36	Pcldy
Charlotte, N.C.	79	60	Cldy	Flagstaff	57	29	Cir	Lincoln	64	49	Cldy	Philadelphia	63	45	Pcldy
				Fort Smith	80	61	Pcldy	Little Rock	62	45	Cldy	Phoenix	87	60	Cir
								Los Angeles	79	56	Cir	Pittsburgh	67	44	Rain

The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

National temperature extremes
Hi: Sat., 100, Laredo, Texas
Lo: Sat., 19, Mammoth Lakes, Calif.
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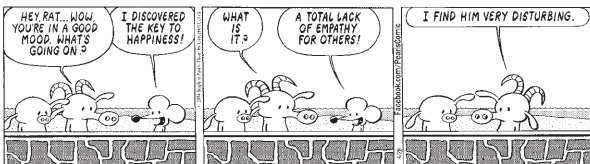
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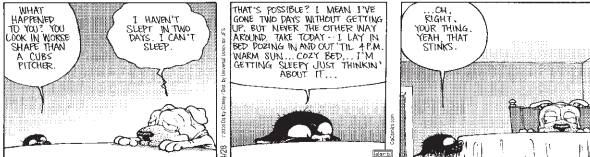
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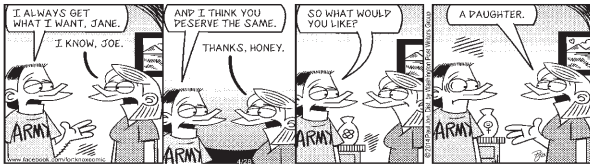
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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ACROSS

- Soft drink flavor
- Overweight
- Evergreens of a sort
- Verbal
- Yale student
- Way out
- Prima donna
- Madagascar resident
- Andre of tennis
- l'oeil (optical illusion)
- Movie gorilla
- Roman 401
- Ailments
- Break suddenly
- Lawyers' org.
- Daisylike flower
- Id counterpart
- Trash
- Misused word
- Feline
- Actress
- Met performances
- Breakfast option
- Saucy
- Jason's ship
- Greatly
- One of the Stooges
- Cravats
- Memory method

DOWN

- Last few notes
- First (Abbr.)
- Volcanic outflow
- 49th state
- Steinern's cause
- Carte lead-in
- Pinball no-no
- "Zoumist"
- San Francisco newspaper
- Thin streak of smoke
- Eyelid woe
- Joan of —
- Third party abbr.
- Army rank (Abbr.)
- Dhabi
- Guinevere's lover
- Chosen
- Past
- Burst
- Unusual
- Martial art
- Buccaneer
- Spigot
- Actor Sharif
- Alto, Calif.
- Big rig
- Ireland
- On in years
- Privation
- Friend of Harry and Hermione

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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CRYPTOQUIP

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RTMUI; EMTZI; ZPH; HZXXXM.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN MY SON MOVED THE AUDIO CONTROL TO HAVE VERY LITTLE BASS, I CRIED "YOU'RE IN TREBLE NOW!"
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals H

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SCOREBOARD

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Deals

Saturday's transactions

BASEBALL

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed 38 Conor Gillaspie on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 22. Activated RHP Hector Noesi.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Signed RHP Chris Leroux and selected him from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Options: RHP Shane Greene to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Released LHP Nik Turley.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA BRAVES — Released 18 Jose Veras.

CHICAGO CUBS — Placed RHP Eric Vorn on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Schiller from Iowa (PCL).

CINCINNATI REDS — Placed C Devin Mesoraco on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Tucker Barnhart from Louisville (IL).

TIM LIGGETT — Placed RHP Jason Pridon on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 21. Signed C Russ Martin on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Tony Sanchez and RHP Jared Hughes from Indianapolis (IL).

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

NBA — Suspended Washington F.C. Nene one game for head-butting and grabbing Chicago Mike Evans and women's ice hockey coach Mark Johnson.

FOOTBALL

DALLAS COWBOYS — Re-signed Ed Antonio Spencer for one-year contract.

HOCKEY

NHL — Fired Dallas E. Ryan. Garbutt \$1,474.36 for sparring Anze Kopitar F. Corey Kessel.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Fired coach Adam Oates. Signed Mike Evans and women's ice hockey coach Mark Johnson.

COLLEGE

FLORIDA — Junior men's basketball F. Jordan is transferred to the University of Florida.

FLORIDA — Announced the approval of a one-year contract extension for men's basketball coach Bob Ryan, men's ice hockey coach Mike Evans and women's ice hockey coach Mark Johnson.

Tennis

Porsche Grand Prix

Saturday
At Porsche-Arena
Stuttgart, Germany
Purse: \$710,000 (Premier)
Surface: Clay-Indoor

Singles
Maria Sharapova (R, Russia), def. Sara Errani (I, 6-1, 6-2).

Anna Ivanovic (S, Serbia), def. Jelena Jankovic (S, Serbia) 6-3, 7-5.

Grand Prix SAR

Saturday
At Le Royal Tennis Club de Marrakech
Marrakech, Morocco
Purse: \$250,000 (ATP)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor

Singles
Romina Oprandi (Switzerland), def. Daniela Hantuchova (I), Slovakia, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

Maria-Teresa Torro-Flores, Spain, def. Garbine Muguruza (S, Spain), 6-4, 6-3.

Barcelona Open

Saturday
At Real Club de Tenis Barcelona
Barcelona, Spain
Purse: \$2.94 million (W750)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor

Singles
Kei Nishikori (J), Japan, def. Ernests Gulbis (R, Latvia), 6-2, 6-4.

Nicola Pietrangeli (I), Italy, def. Nicolas Pietrangeli (I), Italy, 6-3, 6-3.

Nastase Tiriac Trophy

Saturday
At Progresul BNR Arena
Bucharest, Romania
Purse: \$670,500 (W750)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor

Singles
Grigor Dimitrov (I), Bulgaria, def. Gael Monfils (F, France), 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Milos Rosol, Czech Republic, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Pro soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Columbus	3	2	2	11	9	6
Sporting KC	3	2	2	11	10	8
New York	3	2	1	10	9	8
D.C.	3	2	1	11	13	12
Houston	3	2	1	10	10	11
Philadelphia	3	2	1	9	9	11
Chicago	3	2	1	9	9	11
Montreal	3	2	1	9	9	11
San Jose	3	2	1	9	9	11
Portland	3	2	1	9	9	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Seattle	3	2	1	16	14	8
FC Dallas	3	2	1	16	14	8
New York	3	2	1	16	14	8
Colorado	3	2	1	11	9	9
Columbus	3	2	1	10	12	10
San Jose	3	2	1	9	9	11
Chicago	3	2	1	9	9	11
Portland	3	2	1	9	9	11
San Jose	3	2	1	9	9	11

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday's games

New York, Houston 0

Saturday's games

Montreal 1, Philadelphia 0

Seattle 1, FC Dallas 1

New York 2, Sporting Kansas City 0

Sunday's games

Portland 0, Houston 0

New York 2, Toronto 3

San Jose 2, Vancouver 0

Real Salt Lake 2, Chicago 0

San Jose 2, Chicago 0

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Whitecaps 2, Real Salt Lake 2

Vancouver 0-2-2
Real Salt Lake 0-2-2

First half—1. Real Salt Lake, 1-0 (Mullendore, Wenger), 2nd minute.

Real Salt Lake, Saborio 4 (Grabavoy).

Second half—3. Vancouver, Mezquida 1, 80th; 4. Vancouver, Fernandez 2 (Beltz).

Goals—Vancouver, David Ousted; Real Salt Lake, Nicolas De Pauw.

Yellow Cards—Mann, Vancouver, 58th; Winnipeg, Real Salt Lake, 65th; Leve, Vancouver, 70th.

A—19,661 (20,008)

Revolution 2, Sporting KC 0

New England 0-2-2
New England 0-2-2

First half—1. New England, Nye 1, 10th minute; 2. New England, Nguyen 1 (penalty kick), 30th.

Goals—Sporting Kansas City, Eric Kronberg; New England, Bobby Shuttleworth.

Yellow Cards—Toni, Sporting Kansas City, 41st; Nguyen, New England, 47th; Barnes, New England, 71st; Dwyer, Sporting Kansas City, 75th.

Red Cards—Collins, Sporting Kansas City, 74th.

A—14,806 (68,756)

Impact 1, Union 0

Philadelphia 0-0-1
Montreal 0-0-1

First half—1. Montreal, Martins 2, 15th minute.

Goals—Philadelphia, Zac MacMath; Montreal, Tony Perkins.

Yellow Cards—Edwards, Philadelphia, 2nd; Oumette, Montreal, 16th; Camara, Montreal, 37th; Broyles, Montreal, 40th; Gads, Philadelphia, 43th.

A—19,075 (13,034)

Sounders 4, Rapids 1

Colorado 0-1-1
Seattle 0-1-1

First half—1. Seattle, FC, Neagle 3, 45th minute.

Second half—2. Seattle, FC, Dempsey 7, 47th; 3. Seattle, FC, Dempsey 8 (Marshall, Pineda), 52nd; 4. Colorado, Serna 1 (Neagle), 75th.

Goals—Seattle, Clint Irwin; Seattle, FC, Stefan Letz.

Yellow Cards—Piermark, Colorado, 26th; Torres, Colorado, 37th.

A—35,882 (32,400)

NWSL

Portland 2-0-1
Seattle 2-0-1

First half—1. Portland, Wright-Phillips 5 (Sam), 66th.

Goals—New York, Luis Robles; Colorado, Steve Clark.

Yellow Cards—Tehani, Columbus, 5th; Wicks, Portland, New York, 45th.

A—18,026 (22,555)

DC United 4, FC Dallas 1

FC Dallas 1-0-1
DC United 1-0-1

First half—1. Columbus, Adzic 2 (penalty kick), 39th minute.

Second half—2. DC United, Wright-Phillips 5 (Sam), 66th.

Goals—New York, Luis Robles; Colorado, Steve Clark.

Yellow Cards—Tehani, Columbus, 5th; Wicks, Portland, New York, 45th.

A—18,026 (22,555)

DC United 4, FC Dallas 1

FC Dallas 1-0-1
DC United 1-0-1

First half—1. Columbus, Adzic 2 (penalty kick), 39th minute.

Second half—2. DC United, Wright-Phillips 5 (Sam), 66th.

Goals—New York, Luis Robles; Colorado, Steve Clark.

Yellow Cards—Tehani, Columbus, 5th; Wicks, Portland, New York, 45th.

A—18,026 (22,555)

Saturday's games

Seattle 3, Washington 1

Washington 1, Chicago 0

Portland 3, FC Kansas City 1

Houston at Seattle FC

Sky Blue FC at Boston

Seattle 3, Washington 1

Washington 1, Chicago 0

Portland 3, FC Kansas City 1

Houston at Seattle FC

Sky Blue FC at Boston

Seattle 3, Washington 1

Washington 1, Chicago 0

Portland 3, FC Kansas City 1

Houston at Seattle FC

Sky Blue FC at Boston

Seattle 3, Washington 1

Washington 1, Chicago 0

Portland 3, FC Kansas City 1

Houston at Seattle FC

Sky Blue FC at Boston

Seattle 3, Washington 1

Washington 1, Chicago 0

Portland 3, FC Kansas City 1

Houston at Seattle FC

Sky Blue FC at Boston

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Seattle 3, Washington 1

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Portland 3, FC Kansas City 1

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Bruins send Red Wings home in 5 games

By JIMMY GOLEN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The regular season wasn't much of a struggle for the Boston Bruins and neither was their first-round playoff series against the Detroit Red Wings.

Tuukka Rask made 31 saves Saturday, and the defending Eastern Conference champion eliminated the Red Wings with a 4-2 victory in Game 5.

After finishing the regular season with the best record in the NHL, the Bruins now advance to the conference semifinals against the Montreal Canadiens.

"That series was much tougher than maybe the results showed," said Bruins captain Zdeno Chara, who gave Boston the lead for good with 4 seconds left in the second period. "I think that we handled it well, we came into this series

ready and we got the job done."

Loui Eriksson opened the scoring for Boston, and Chara's goal on a 4-on-3 advantage snapped a 1-1 tie. Milan Lucic also scored, and Jarome Iginla added an empty-netter.

Pavel Datsyuk and Henrik Zetterberg scored and Jonas Gustavsson stopped 29 shots for Detroit. The Red Wings scored only six goals in the five-game series, losing in the first round for the second straight season.

"The last two years, we battled to get into the playoffs. To me, that's a measure of where we are," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "Instead of battling for the Cup, we're battling to make the playoffs."

It was 1-1 when the Bruins gained a 4-on-3 power play thanks to a holding penalty on Johan Franzen just 22 seconds

before Brendan Smith was called for cross-checking. On a faceoff in the Detroit zone, Patrick Bergeron lured two of the three Red Wings defenders toward the corner and then passed it across the ice to Chara, who one-timed it past Gustavsson.

Lucic's goal with 4:27 gone in the third made it a two-goal game. Detroit made it 3-2 with 3:52 left after Rask made two acrobatic saves but left the puck to the side of the net for Zetterberg, the Red Wings captain who missed two months with back surgery and did not return until Game 4.

Less than a minute later, though the Wings were called for too many men on the ice, leaving them a man down while trying to finish the comeback. With two minutes left in the game, the Boston fans began chanting "We want the cup!"



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Detroit's Jonas Gustavsson sprawls on the ice as Boston's Torey Krug, right, celebrates a goal by Zdeno Chara in the second period of a 4-2 win over the Red Wings in Game 5 of their first-round playoff series on Saturday in Boston. The Bruins won the series 4-1.

Roundup

Kings blank Sharks to stay alive

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Now that the Los Angeles Kings have made it halfway to a historic comeback, the task actually seems even more difficult now that they know how close they are.

Jonathan Quick made 30 saves to shut out San Jose for the fourth time in his career in the post-season and the Kings staved off elimination for a second straight game by beating the Sharks 3-0 on Saturday night in Game 5 of their first-round series.

"If anything, it seems a little more daunting because we came this far to get two, now we need to take two more," defenseman Drew Doughty said. "It puts more pressure on us because we can kind of smell it. We can't get ahead of ourselves. We have a lot of work ahead of us."

Tyler Toffoli, Anze Kopitar and Jeff Carter scored for the Kings, who have rebounded after losing the first three games of the series. Quick allowed 16 goals in those losses, but once again is starting to look like the goalie who stymied the Sharks a year ago.

Antti Niemi allowed three goals on 19 shots and got pulled for the second straight game for the Sharks. Perhaps more importantly, San Jose also lost star defenseman Marc-Edouard Vlasic to an upper-body injury after he was elbowed in the head by Jarrett Stoll late in the first period.

"We did a lot of good things for 3½ games. Tonight was red rotten," coach Todd McLellan said. "That's simply put. When we started the series, we talked about leaving games behind, closing the book on it. There's no doubt we'll look at it. We have to improve."

The Kings came out looking like a desperate team and dominated from the start against the listless Sharks.

We had a good start," Quick



TONY AVELLAN/AP

San Jose goalie Alex Stalock, left, blocks a goal attempt by Los Angeles' Justin Williams during the third period of Game 4 of their first-round playoff series on Saturday in San Jose, Calif. Los Angeles won 3-0 to cut the Sharks' best-of-7 series lead to 3-2.

said. "We got a few shifts and we just tried to keep building on it. They came with a lot, too. They had a big pushback. It's not easy to win against this team. They're a great team for a reason."

Los Angeles controlled the game on the ice, the shot clock and the scoreboard to take a 2-0 lead in the first period and mostly silence the crowd. The Kings opened the scoring when Tanner Pearson outpaced Vlasic to a loose puck and fed a rushing Toffoli, who patiently skated around James Shaper and beat Niemi with a shot from the slot to make it 1-0.

The Kings made it 2-0 shortly after Joe Thornton was unable to bat a cross-ice pass from Brent Burns into an empty net. That fueled a 3-on-2 rush the other way and Kopitar knocked in a rebound of Dustin Brown's shot.

Avalanche 4, Wild 3 (OT): Nathan MacKinnon scored 3:27 into overtime after P.A. Parenteau tied the game late in regulation, helping host Colorado rally past Minnesota for a 3-2 lead in the

first-round series.

MacKinnon poked the puck past Darcy Kuemper's glove with two defenders all over him. The rookie also had two assists.

Parenteau scored with 1:14 left after Avalanche coach Patrick Roy pulled goaltender Semyon Varlamov with 2:22 remaining. Nick Holden and Cody McLeod also added goals for the Avalanche.

Kyle Brodziak, Zach Parise and Matt Moulson scored for the Wild. The series switches back to Minnesota for Game 6 on Monday.

Penguins 3, Blue Jackets 1: Jussi Jokinen scored the go-ahead goal in the third period and host Pittsburgh topped Columbus to take a 3-2 lead in their Eastern Conference playoff series.

Chris Kunitz and Kris Letang also scored for Pittsburgh, which has the upstart Blue Jackets on the verge of elimination with an opportunity to close out the series Monday in Game 6 in Columbus.

Boonie Jenner scored the lone goal for Columbus.

Scoreboard

First round (Best-of-7) (X if necessary)	Avalanche 4, Wild 3 (OT)
EASTERN CONFERENCE	Minnesota 0 1 2 0-3
Boston 4, Detroit 1	Colorado 0 2 1-4
Detroit 1, Boston 0	Second Period—1, Colorado, McLeod
Boston 4, Detroit 1	1 (O'Reilly), 8:04 (sh), 2, Minnesota,
Boston 3, Detroit 0	Moulson 1 (Spurgeon, Heatley), 9:17, 3,
Boston 3, Detroit 2, OT	Colorado, hold (Benoit, MacKinnon),
Saturday: Boston 4, Detroit 2	12:16.
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 0	Third Period—4, Minnesota, Parise 1
Montreal 5, Tampa Bay 4, OT	(Pominville, Granlund), 4:34, 5, Minne-
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 1	sota, Brodziak 2 (Heatley, Coyne), 6:25, 6,
Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 2	Colorado, Parenteau 1 (Stastny, MacKin-
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 3	non), 18:46.
Pittsburgh 3, Columbus 2	Overtime—7, Colorado, MacKinnon 2
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3	(Landeskog, Wilson), 3:27.
Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, 2OT	Shots on Goal—Minnesota 11-9-10
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3	2-32, Colorado 8-12-13-35.
Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT	Power-play opportunities—Minnesota
Pittsburgh 3, Pittsburgh 3, Columbus 1	0 of 3; Colorado 0 of 3.
Monday: at Columbus	Goals—Minnesota , Kuemper 2-10
X-Wednesday: at Pittsburgh	(35 shots-31 saves), Colorado, Varlamov
N.Y. Rangers 2, Philadelphia 2	3-2-0 (32-29).
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1	A-18:418 (18,007), T-2:49.
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 2	
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1	
Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Rangers 1	
Sunday: at N.Y. Rangers	
Tuesday: at Philadelphia	
X-Wednesday: at N.Y. Rangers	
WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Colorado 3, Minnesota 2	
Colorado 5, Minnesota 4, OT	
Colorado 4, Minnesota 2	
Minnesota 1, Colorado 0, OT	
Minnesota 2, Colorado 1	
Monday: Colorado 4, Minnesota 3, OT	
Sunday: at Colorado	
Tuesday: at Colorado	
Chicago 3, St. Louis 2	
St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, 2OT	
St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, OT	
Chicago 2, St. Louis 0	
Chicago 4, St. Louis 3, OT	
Chicago 3, St. Louis 2, OT	
Sunday: at Chicago	
X-Tuesday: at St. Louis	
Anaheim 3, Dallas 2	
Anaheim 1, Dallas 3	
Anaheim 3, Dallas 2	
Dallas 3, Anaheim 0	
Dallas 4, Anaheim 2	
Anaheim 6, Dallas 2	
Sunday: at Dallas	
X-Tuesday: at Anaheim	
San Jose 3, Los Angeles 2	
San Jose 6, Los Angeles 3	
San Jose 7, Los Angeles 2	
Los Angeles 4, San Jose 3, OT	
Los Angeles 6, San Jose 3	
Saturday: Los Angeles 3, San Jose 0	
Monday: at Los Angeles	
X-Wednesday: at San Jose	

Monday: at Minnesota	Penguins 3, Blue Jackets 1
X-Wednesday: at Colorado	Columbus 1 0 0-1
Chicago 3, St. Louis 2	Pittsburgh 0 1 2-3
St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, 2OT	First Period—1, Columbus, Jenner 3
St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, OT	(Savard, Johansen), 12:55 (pp).
Chicago 2, St. Louis 0	Second Period—3, Pittsburgh, Kunitz 2
Chicago 4, St. Louis 3, OT	(Crosby, Niskanen), 7:42 (pp).
Chicago 3, St. Louis 2, OT	Third Period—3, Pittsburgh, Jokinen 3
Sunday: at Chicago	(Suter, Stenpanik), 6:16, 4, Pittsburgh,
X-Tuesday: at St. Louis	Letang 1 (Adams, Kunitz), 18:59 (en).
Anaheim 3, Dallas 2	Goals on Goal—Columbus 9-67-24,
Anaheim 1, Dallas 3	Pittsburgh 15-21-15-51.
Anaheim 3, Dallas 2	Power-play opportunities—Columbus
Dallas 3, Anaheim 0	1 of 2; Pittsburgh 1 of 4.
Dallas 4, Anaheim 2	Goals—Columbus , Bobrovsky 2-30
Anaheim 6, Dallas 2	(50 shots-48 saves), Pittsburgh, Fleury
Sunday: at Dallas	3-2-0 (24-23).
X-Tuesday: at Anaheim	A-18:618 (18,387), T-2:29.

Saturday	Bruins 4, Red Wings 2
Kings 3, Sharks 0	Detroit 0 1 1-2
Los Angeles 2 1 0-3	Boston 0 1 2-4
First Period—1, Los Angeles, Toffoli 2	First Period—1, Boston, Eriksson 1
(Pearson, Martinez), 8:09, 2, Los Angeles,	(Havens, Rask), 2:47 (pp).
Kolarik 1, Los Angeles 3, OT	Second Period—2, Detroit, Datsyuk 3
Second Period—3, Los Angeles, Carter 2	(Franzen, Zetterberg), 14:41 (pp), 3,
(Gaborik, Doughty), 22 (pp).	Boston, Chara 2 (Bergeron, Krug), 18:56
Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 18-13-10	(pp).
41, San Jose 6-10-14-30	Third Period—4, Boston, Lucic 3 (Krug),
Power-play opportunities—Los Angeles	4:27, 5, Detroit, Zetterberg 1 (Abedulker,
1 of 4; San Jose 0 of 5.	Datsyuk), 16:08, 6, Boston, Iginla 2 (Lucic,
Goals—Los Angeles , Quick 2-3-0 (30	Kreigh, 19:44 (en).
shots-30 saves), San Jose, Niemi 3-2-0	Shots on Goal—Detroit 8-12-13-33,
(19-16), Stalock (0-22 second, 22-22).	0 of 2; Boston 2 of 5.
A-17:562 (17,562), T-2:23.	Goals—Detroit , Gustavsson 0-20 (32

Scoring	Playoff leaders
Through April 26	GP G A PTS
OP G A PTS	
Nathan MacKinnon, Col	5 2 8 10
Patrick Marleau, SJS	5 2 8 10
Paul Martin, PIT	5 0 8 8
Ryan Getzoff, Ana	4 3 4 7
Patrick Marleau, SJS	4 3 4 7
Ryan Johansen, Cjs	5 2 4 6
Matt Niskanen, PIT	5 2 4 6
Joe Pavelski, Chi	5 2 4 6
Brandon Towes, Chi	5 1 5 6
Brandon Dubinsky, Cjs	5 1 5 6
Zach Parise, Min	5 1 5 6
Jamie Benn, Dal	5 1 5 6
Jack Johnson, Chi	5 2 5 5
Patrick Kane, Chi	5 3 2 5

MLB

NL Roundup

Pirates' pen subdues Cards with Liriano ill

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS—Francisco Liriano wasn't feeling well. First came a nosebleed, then the Pirates pitcher felt dizzy at the plate before flying out to end the second inning.

Liriano was getting hooked up to an IV to deal with flu-like symptoms when the Pittsburgh Pirates bullpen stepped up big-time in a 6-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday that snapped a four-game losing streak.

Waiting to be taken out in the third inning, the lefty was bent over with hands on his knees. "I just feel dizzy, weak and dizzy," Liriano said after the game. "I don't know. I just feel sick."

Gaby Sanchez had two RBIs in a four-run fourth inning and five relievers combined to work seven strong innings, with key outs from rookie Stolmy Pimentel and Jared Hughes against Yadier Molina.

Matt Holliday had an RBI double for the Cardinals, who have mustered five runs in their past six games. They got three hits and a run after Liriano left and got beat by an over-shifted defense, too, when Matt Adams lined out to shortstop Jordy Mercer stationed behind the second-base bag with a man on third in the seventh.

Andrew McCutchen and Jose Tabata each added an RBI off Tyler Lyons (0-2) in the fourth, with the first four runners reach-

ing safely after the lefty opened with three perfect innings. Tabata totaled three hits and is a career .345 hitter at Busch Stadium.

Braves 4, Reds 1: Rookie right-hander David Hale allowed only two hits over eight innings in a performance that may not be enough to save his spot in Atlanta's rotation and the host Braves beat Cincinnati.

Marlins 7, Mets 6 (10): Jarrod Saltalamacchia homered leading off the 10th inning, Giancarlo Stanton also went deep and visiting Miami rallied from four runs down to beat New York.

Brewers 5, Cubs 3: Jeff Bianchi had a two-run single, and Marco Estrada threw 7 2/3 strong innings to lead host Milwaukee.

Dodgers 6, Rockies 3: Adrian Gonzalez homered for the third straight game and Matt Kemp also went deep, leading host Los Angeles over Colorado.

Phillies 6, Diamondbacks 5: Cody Asche hit a two-run double in Philadelphia's fourth inning and the Phillies rallied after a shaky start by Cliff Lee to beat host Arizona.

Interleague

Giants 5, Indians 3: Hunter Pence hit a two-run single in San Francisco's fourth run fifth inning off Zach McAllister, leading the host Giants over Cleveland.



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

St. Louis Cardinals' Yadier Molina walks off the field after striking out with the bases loaded in the eighth inning against the Pittsburgh Pirates on Saturday at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.



JOHN MINICILLA/AP

John Ryan Murphy's first home run in the majors in the fifth inning proved to be the game-winning hit as the Yankees beat the Los Angeles Angels 4-3 on Saturday in New York.

AL roundup

Murphy powers Yanks by Angels

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — John Ryan Murphy spent a while in the minors catching Dellin Betances, hoping they could someday contribute on a higher level.

On Saturday, they teamed up in a major way.

Murphy hit his first big league homer and drove in three runs, Betances earned his first win in the majors and the New York Yankees bounced back to beat the Los Angeles Angels 4-3 Saturday.

"I don't think it can get any better," Murphy said.

David Robertson posted his first save since coming off the disabled list. Mike Trout singled with one out and stole second, setting up a nervy ninth inning.

Albert Pujols followed with a foul pop and first baseman Mark Teixeira drifted near the stands. But when he reached into the seats trying to catch it, two Yankees fans reached up and deflected it away.

But Robertson regrouped to retire Pujols on a routine fly and struck out Howie Kendrick to end

the threat and the game.

A day after the Angels homered four times in a 13-1 romp, they started strong when Trout hit a solo shot on the seventh pitch of the afternoon.

Murphy lined a two-out, two-run single in the second that gave the Yankees a 3-1 lead. The backup catcher homered on the first pitch in the fifth, tagging Hector Santiago (0-4) for a 4-3 lead.

Murphy made his big league debut last season and began the day 6-for-36 with one RBI in his career.

"The more time you're out there, the easier it becomes," Murphy said.

Red Sox 7, Blue Jays 6: A.J. Pierzynski hit his eighth career grand slam and Will Middlebrooks added a solo homer, powering Boston to the road win over Toronto. Jose Bautista and Juan Francisco hit solo home runs for the Blue Jays, who have lost a season-high four straight games.

Twins 5, Tigers 3: Phil Hughes threw seven strong innings and

Josmil Pinto hit his fifth homer, leading Minnesota to the victory over Detroit. Hughes (2-1) had six strikeouts with no walks. He retired 16 straight at one point.

Rays 4, White Sox 0: Cesar Ramos and two relievers combined for a five-hitter, leading visiting Tampa Bay. James Loney had three hits for the Rays, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

Orioles 3, Royals 2 (10): Nick Markakis singled in the winning run in the 10th inning after two throwing errors by pitcher Danny Duffy laid the groundwork for the host Orioles' win over Kansas City.

Astros 7, Athletics 6: Dexter Fowler hit a tiebreaking RBI single in a four-run eighth inning, as host Houston snapped a three-game losing streak. Fowler also had a solo homer.

Rangers 6, Mariners 3: Mitch Moreland drove in Prince Fielder with a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the eighth inning as Texas held off host Seattle.

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Nationals starting pitcher Tanner Roark celebrates after a 4-0 complete-game win over the San Diego Padres on Saturday.

Nats' Roark shuts down San Diego

By KEVIN DUNLEAVY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Injuries last year thrust Tanner Roark into an unlikely spot in the talented starting rotation of the Washington Nationals. The way the right-hander pitched on Saturday, his slot in the rotation may be as secure as any of the Nationals' more heralded stars.

Roark pitched a three-hitter for the first complete game of his career as the Washington Nationals shut out the San Diego Padres 4-0.

The 27-year-old set down the first 16 batters before San Diego catcher Rene Rivera, an .074 batter entering the game, hit a solid single to center field with one out in the sixth inning.

Mixing three other pitches with his modest 92 mph fastball, Roark (2-0) walked one and struck out eight, including Jedd Gyorko to end the game on his 105th pitch. "I was feeling confident, out there on the mound, feeling strong," Roark said. "Getting ahead of the hitters is the biggest thing."

As fans gave Roark a standing ovation to close the eighth inning, it was an unfamiliar feeling. Even in the minor leagues, in 166 appearances, he had never pitched a shutout and had only one complete game. As he conducted an on-field interview, he was doused with two buckets of Gatorade.

"For the first time doing it, it feels real good," Roark said. "It feels great. It gives you confidence."

Catch: Baseball acted quickly to defuse controversy

FROM BACK PAGE

"I understood that if you went by the rule in the book, you had to call it a certain way. But it had been called another way for 100 years," New York Mets centerfielder Chris Young said. "It's amazing that Major League Baseball stepped in now so fast and stopped it so quickly. All it took was a couple of miscues. I think it's great call, for sure. I'm really glad they did it now, rather than waiting until after the season to evaluate it."

Calling this a "common sense interpretation," MLB Executive Vice President Dan Halem said the committee decided "as long as the fielder intentionally opens his glove with the intent to take the ball out, that piece of the rule is satisfied."

"Somebody told me that I think the definition of catch in our Official Playing Rules was written in 1953 perhaps, and obviously it wasn't written with the precision of instant replay in mind," Halem told the Associated Press Sports Editors.

MLB said the committee, chaired by New York Mets general manager Sandy Alderson, determined "a legal catch has occurred ... if the fielder had complete control over the ball in his glove, but drops the ball after intentionally opening his glove to make the transfer to his throwing hand."

"There is no requirement that the fielder successfully remove the ball from his glove in order for it be ruled a catch," the committee said. "If the fielder drops the ball while attempting to remove it to make a throw, the umpires should rule that the ball had been caught, provided that the fielder had secured it in his glove before attempting the transfer."

Los Angeles Angels second baseman Howie Kendrick said players around the league were unhappy with the rule.

"It's a good thing they changed it," he said. "The rule book clearly states that a catch is a guy securing a ball in his glove. The transfer is another element. Then you have guys that worry about it, and it changes the speed of the game."

New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter also saw the difference on the field.

"It made it very uncomfortable to turn a double play," shortstop said. "I think you saw a lot of people — it appeared to me a lot of people — were sort of taking it step by step. You try to be quick when you turn a double play. Now it's take your time."

Players were hopeful the problem was resolved and they can go back to getting the ball out of their glove in a flash, the way they had practiced for years.

Marlins manager Mike Redmond, who had two recent transfer plays overturned in Miami's favor, will wait until the rule is tested in games.

"I think I have an idea of what a catch is," the former big league catcher said. "Now we'll see what a catch is. Tonight, maybe we'll see."

The committee also said "the umpires will continue to use their judgment as to whether the fielder had complete control over the ball before the transfer."

"Unlike some of our other calls in in-

stant replay, the catch call does require the umpire to exercise in some cases a fair amount of judgment, and the rule actually really just wasn't precise enough to withstand scrutiny on replay," Halem said.

In addition to plays in the field, the catch decision has become controversial for out-

fielders trying to make quick throws.

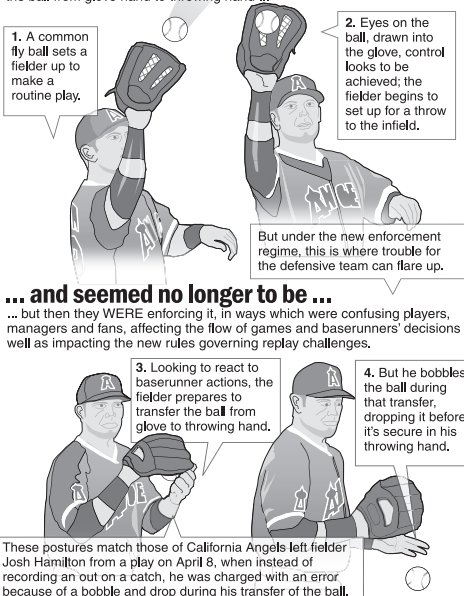
Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig called the interpretation "a good solution."

"And since it's still April, I think we acted quickly," he said.

AP Sports Writer Howie Rosenberg and AP Baseball Writer Ben Walker contributed to this report.

What used to be a catch ...

Prior to this season, umpires did not strictly enforce the MLB rule calling for secured possession of a caught ball all the way through the motion of transferring the ball from glove hand to throwing hand ...



... once again might be

On April 25, the league's rules committee clarified how the rule will now be officiated.

• **An out has occurred** when a player has complete control over the ball in his glove; if he drops it after opening his glove, the catch will still be ruled an out.

• **If, after a catch in which control is shown**, a player drops the ball while removing it from his glove to make a throw, the catch is still ruled an out.

Committee member Joe Torre talked about those distinctions on the MLB Network.

"We've had an outcry. Clubs and players were upset. We listened ... we're going to change the interpretation of the same rule."

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HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

SHAPE soccer solid in victories

It appears the SHAPE soccer teams are rounding into form.

The Spartans earned an impressive boys and girls sweep of Division II rival Alconbury on Saturday and both SHAPE coaches like the directions their programs is pointing.

SHAPE boys coach Doug Burgoyne praised his team's brand of disciplined soccer that minimized mistakes and produced a 6-0 shutout over the Dragons.

"I'm quite proud of them," Burgoyne said. "This is the best game they've had."

Girls coach Shawn Whitehurst saw his team challenged by a resurgent Alconbury squad that scored four second-half goals after falling behind 3-0 at halftime, but the steady Spartans held on for a 6-4 win.

"We were able to make a couple really good chain plays, connections between players," Whitehurst said.

SHAPE's good vibes continue with a perfectly congruent late-season schedule. The Spartans play each of the regular season's final two Saturdays, May 3 against Brussels and May 10 versus AFNORTH, enough to sustain momentum without risking fatigue.

AFNORTH: The Lions' baseball and softball teams emerge from over a month on the DODDS Europe sidelines with a flurry of games over the next two weeks. AFNORTH hosts Kaiserslautern on May 3, visits Ramstein on May 9 and travels to Bitburg on May 10.

Alconbury: The Dragons scraped out a softball split against SHAPE on Saturday behind the opening-gate heroics of senior Emily Lung. Her line-6-for-6 from the plate with two home runs, just enough for a 15-14 Alconbury victory.

American Overseas School of Rome: Idle since April 5, the Falcons' boys and girls soccer teams return to the DODDS Europe pitch May 3 with a visit to in-country rival Signella. The AOSR boys are 2-1 and chasing a return trip to the Division II European title game; the girls are searching for their first win of the season.

Ansbach: The Division II Cougars' girls track program enjoyed a strong third-place showing at its home meet Saturday. Division I schools Wiesbaden and Vilsack totaled 165 and 153 points, respectively, edging out Ansbach's 137. Mykaila Bazen swept the meet's two hurdling events, Kelly McCaskill won at 400 and 800 meters and Weston Justice won the long jump and triple jump to put the Cougars' point total.

Aviano: The Saints earned an impressive girls soccer win on Friday, building a 3-1 halftime lead en route to a 4-3 win over visiting Signella. Alyson Driens scored two goals and Cassie Friesen and Elyse Schaugh scored once apiece in the victory.

Bamberg: Lacking the student population to field baseball, softball or soccer squads, the Baron track and field team's final three meets are all that remains of the school's athletics program before it is scheduled to close. The school makes a final trip around the German horn with visits to Kaiserslautern, Hofenheims and Ansbach before the European tournament May 23-24 at Kaiserslautern.

Baumholder: With none of the Division I juggernauts that usually clog their meets, the Bucs' track and field team racked up a number of individual event wins Saturday at Bitburg. Demonte Fisher (400 meters and long jump), Madison Crowson (800), Daniel Sparks (3,200) and Zach Hooks (shot put) won for the boys; Maudie Davis

(long jump) and Yasmynne Dense (shot put) did the same for the Buc girls.

Bitburg: The host Barons also celebrated Saturday's Division I-free track meet with the added benefit of competing on their home turf. The Belgians boys bested Baumholder for a team victory, led by relay victories at 4x100 and 4x400. Antwan Hardin, Matt Holmes, Lamar Cheney, Ian Alexander and Curtis Wilson contributed to those winning squads.

Black Forest Academy: BFA played like a Division II championship contender in Saturday's 3-1 home-field win over Bitburg. Molly Hanson notched a goal and an assist and Lois Schotanus and Anna Kragt scored a goal each, while goalkeeping tandem Malda Madamba and Nicole Thompson made five and four saves, respectively. The Falcons' only loss remains a tough 3-1 setback to Division I Wiesbaden in March.

Brussels: The Brigands waged a worthy soccer tie against Lakenheath on Saturday, but the Division I hosts subdued the Division II visitors from Belgium. Paige Brown scored a goal and Brittany Jenson made nine saves in the Brig- and girls' 3-1 loss, while Merab Chitanava scored both Brussels goals in a 3-2 boys setback.

Hofenheims: The upstart Division II Tiger baseball team stretched Division I Wiesbaden to the limit in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader. Trajan Powell struck out five Warriors across six solid innings and Bladen Rodd drove in a pair of RBIs before Hofenheims succumbed to a 5-3 loss and a sweep.

International School of Brussels: The Raiders' soccer teams, including the defending Division I champion boys, emerge from a nearly month-long DODDS Europe hiatus next week with a jam-packed season. The English school's boys travel to the English school's soccer games on Friday and Lakenheath on Saturday.

Kaiserslautern: The Raiders' soccer teams each enjoyed a one-goal halftime advantage in a Saturday doubleheader against Wiesbaden before faltering in the second half. The Raiders girls yielded a second-half goal to watch a 2-1 halftime edge slip into a 2-2 tie; the Kaiserslautern boys led 1-0 at halftime before taking a 3-0 loss.

Lakenheath: The Lancers girls maintained their undefeated record with a second-half soccer surge Saturday against Brussels. Lakenheath scored the only two goals after halftime to convert a 1-1 tie at intermission into a 3-1 win. Briana Romecha scored two goals and Haley Ellis made two assists to lead the charge. Only games against ISB and Alconbury, both at home, separate the Lancers from an unbeaten regular season.

Marymount: The reigning DODDS Europe Division I champions get one last regular-season look at a few of their primary postseason rivals over the season's final two weeks. MMI visits Vienza on Saturday, AOSR on May 9 and Aviano on May 10 before launching its title defense.

Menwith Hill: Mustangs' powerhouse Jonathan Brugan continued to outperform all rivals in Saturday's home track meet. Brugan took first place in shot put and discus throw for his second sweep of the strength events in as many weeks.

Naples: Archival Vienza has threatened to encroach on the Wildcats' baseball turf recently, forcing an all-Italy derby in last year's Division II European title game and nearly pulling off an upset



in a 6-5 Naples win March 29. But the Wildcats flashed their teeth on Saturday, tearing into the Cougars for 17-3 and 17-0 blowouts. Naples' high-powered offense produced 12 runs across the first two innings of each game while pitchers Sam Murdock and Jonny Bray kept opposing batters caged.

Patch: The Panthers shone bright on the diamond Saturday with a combined 4-0 baseball and softball effort against Ansbach. Andrew Buxkemper struck out 11 Cougars in the opening baseball win and Garrett Becker went a cumulative 5-for-7 at the plate on the doubleheader. Colleen Fenton and Abbie Weaver teamed up for a one-hitter in the Patch softball team's opening win.

Ramstein: The defending European baseball champion Royals swept dangerous Lakenheath, last year's third-place team, by scores of 9-4 and 17-1 on Saturday to remain unbeaten in DODDS Europe play. Johnny Oswald starred on the mound, yielding just six hits and no earned runs while working into the fifth inning, and at the plate with a 3-for-3 hitting effort to help the Royals pull out the close runner.

Rota: Small in numbers but packed with high-level runners and jumpers, the Admiral track team made its presence felt in Saturday's meet at Menwith Hill. Sprinter Bryant Staff took first place at 100 and 200 meters and fueled the victorious 4x100 boys relay team, while Grant Wilhoit took top honors in the high jump and triple jump.

Schweinfurt: A fevered run at a first victory fell short for the co-ed Schweinfurt soccer team Saturday. The Razorbacks scored three second-half goals — two from Rodney Scott and another by Ben Sekutera — to rally from a 3-0 halftime deficit before falling 6-3. The program's final regular season concludes Saturday at Ansbach.

Signella: The Jaguars opened Saturday's baseball doubleheader at Aviano with a tidy 8-4 win over the Saints. But they really pressed the issue in the late game. Signella blanked the home team 14-0 in the nightcap behind a dominant combined pitching effort by Jon Gasparra and Jake Britten.

Vienza: Power hitter and ace pitcher Megan Buffington fueled the Cougars' softball sweeps of Signella and Naples over the weekend.

Buffington threw two no-hit innings in Friday's opening win over the Jaguars and drove in six runs in the nightcap. On Saturday, Buffington struck out seven Wildcats and yielded just one run in six innings on the mound and blasted two home runs. She struck out six more in a six-inning pitching win to complete the sweep.

Vilsack: The Falcons fought off a second-half surge from Schweinfurt to record a 6-3 boys soccer win on Saturday. Pierre Elysee scored three goals for the home team, which snapped a two-game losing skid with the victory.

Wiesbaden: The Warriors came out just one combined goal ahead of host Kaiserslautern in Saturday's hard-fought boys and girls soccer doubleheader.

The girls played the host Raiders in a 2-2 tie behind a goal and assist from Leah Rojas. A five-save effort by goalie Nick Reid win preserved the boys' 3-2 win.

— Gregory Broome



ADAM L. MATHIS/Stars and Stripes

SHAPE's Lizzie Hobbs blocks a potential goal at RAF Alconbury on Saturday. Hobbs had four saves during the game and the Spartans won 6-4.

Scoreboard

Baseball	Friday's games
Naples 22, Aviano 2	
Naples 18, Aviano 4	
Vienza 14, Signella 4	
SHAPE 6, Alconbury 9	
Saturday's games	Friday's matches
Ramstein 9, Lakenheath 4	Ramstein 17, Lakenheath 1
Patch 8, Ansbach 5	Patch 8, Ansbach 5
Wiesbaden 14, Hofenheims 4	Wiesbaden 14, Hofenheims 4
Signella 14, Aviano 9	Signella 14, Aviano 9
Naples 17, Vienza 3	Naples 17, Vienza 3
SHAPE 8, Alconbury 9	SHAPE 8, Alconbury 9
SHAPE 20, Alconbury 5	
Soccer	Friday's matches
Signella 1, Aviano 1	Signella 1, Aviano 1
Lakenheath 3, Brussels 2	Lakenheath 3, Brussels 2
SHAPE 6, Alconbury 9	SHAPE 6, Alconbury 9
BFA 1, BFA 1	BFA 1, BFA 1
Wiesbaden 3, Kaiserslautern 2	Wiesbaden 3, Kaiserslautern 2
Patch 7, Hofenheims 0	Patch 7, Hofenheims 0
Girls	Friday's matches
Alconbury 2, Brussels 0	Alconbury 2, Brussels 0
Aviano 4, Signella 3	Aviano 4, Signella 3
Saturday's matches	Friday's matches
Lakenheath 3, Brussels 1	Lakenheath 3, Brussels 1
SHAPE 6, Alconbury 4	SHAPE 6, Alconbury 4
BFA 3, Bitburg 1	BFA 3, Bitburg 1
Ramstein 6, Baumholder 0	Ramstein 6, Baumholder 0
Wiesbaden 2, Kaiserslautern 0	Wiesbaden 2, Kaiserslautern 0
Patch 7, Hofenheims 0	Patch 7, Hofenheims 0
Vienza 5, Signella 0	Vienza 5, Signella 0
Softball	Friday's games
Naples 19, Aviano 10	Naples 19, Aviano 10
Naples 18, Aviano 12	Naples 18, Aviano 12
Vienza 26, Signella 15	Vienza 26, Signella 15
Vienza 23, Signella 8	Vienza 23, Signella 8
Saturday's games	Friday's matches
Ramstein 21, Lakenheath 4	Ramstein 21, Lakenheath 4
Alconbury 15, SHAPE 24	Alconbury 15, SHAPE 24
Alconbury 26, SHAPE 2	Alconbury 26, SHAPE 2
Patch 16, Ansbach 0	Patch 16, Ansbach 0
Patch 17, Ansbach 0	Patch 17, Ansbach 0
Hofenheims 15, Wiesbaden 9	Hofenheims 15, Wiesbaden 9
Aviano 24, Signella 4	Aviano 24, Signella 4
Vienza 15, Naples 5	Vienza 15, Naples 5
Vienza 16, Naples 5	Vienza 16, Naples 5
Track	Saturday's meets
Naples 52.1	Naples 52.1
Wiesbaden 278, Vilsack 183.5, Hofenheims 59, Ansbach 59	Wiesbaden 278, Vilsack 183.5, Hofenheims 59, Ansbach 59
Bitburg 157, Baumholder 112.75, BFA 61.75, St. John's International 25.5, AFNORTH 26	Bitburg 157, Baumholder 112.75, BFA 61.75, St. John's International 25.5, AFNORTH 26
Wiesbaden 165, Vilsack 153, Ansbach 137, Hofenheims 99	Wiesbaden 165, Vilsack 153, Ansbach 137, Hofenheims 99
St. John's 164.5, BFA 92, Bitburg 82, Baumholder 72.5, AFNORTH 22	St. John's 164.5, BFA 92, Bitburg 82, Baumholder 72.5, AFNORTH 22

HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND



JAMES KIMBER/Stars and Stripes

Ian Dignan of Nile C. Kinnick and Calvin Barker of Matthew C. Perry both go to the grass in a tightly contested, physical game. The Samurai prevailed to capture their first DODDS Japan championship in a 1-0 shutout.

Galvin keeps breaking records

If Daniel Galvin keeps up his current pace, the Pacific high school track and field record book might have to dedicate an entire chapter to his exploits this season.

The Yokota sophomore distance specialist broke his second Pacific record in a week, running the 1,600-meter race in 4 minutes, 23.42 seconds, topping the old mark by almost 2½ seconds Saturday at Misawa Air Base.

And as he said after breaking the 800 record (1:56.89) a week earlier at Yokota, the best may be yet to come. "I think I can improve in this event," Galvin said, adding that 4:20 or faster is his stated goal.

The 1,600 record was relatively young; former Kubasaki distance star Erik Ames clocked the distance in 4:25.88 a year ago.

With most of DODDS Japan's and the Kanto Plain's premier distance stars running in another meet in Tokyo, all Galvin said he wanted to do Saturday was to go full out and see how fast he could run the 1,600.

He did just that, running the final lap as if it was the 400, pushing him past Ames into Pacific history.

"The weather was nice, beautiful, sunny, warmer than it is at Yokota," Galvin said. "So I just went out to see how fast I could run."

"It was kind of a safe race for him to go for it," said his father, Yokota cross-country coach Dan Galvin, who traveled with the Panthers to Misawa for the meet.

Robert D. Edgren: Saturday's meet at Misawa was the first hosted by the Eagles since the school's track team ceased operations after the 2011 season. Among multiple winners for Edgren were sprinter Daniel Lovett (100, 200) and Essence Price (100 hurdles, 200), while Shawn Robinson helped pace Edgren's boys to a 400 relay victory.

E.J. King: The Charles Strobino era in Cobra country ended with last weekend's DODDS Japan girls soccer tournament at Zama.

Also the school's athletics director, Strobino will transfer to Germany on May 1. McKinzie Best takes over as AD, while Tom Helstman assumes the helm of a Cobras team that more than doubled its entire goal total this season at Zama.

Matthew C. Perry: Pacific goal-scoring leader Gaku Lange knocked in a loose ball in front of the net with 12 minutes left

and the Samurai hung on to blank Nile C. Kinnick 1-0 for their first DODDS Japan boys soccer tournament title Saturday at Yokota.

Zama: Having already qualified for Far East, Trojans thrower Niyah Lewis continued to strengthen her distances in the shot put (9.97 meters) and discus (30.41).

Nile C. Kinnick: Red Devils girls teams continue to thrive in the spring sports season. Kaile Johnson ran her DODDS Pacific girls goal-scoring leading total to 30 by hitting the back of the net twice in Kinnick's 5-0 DODDS Japan tournament final win over Zama. That gives Kinnick a sweep of DODDS Japan spring tournaments, on the heels of softball a week ago at Yokota.

Kadena: Panthers softball made the most of a weekend visit to American School in Japan, sweeping a pair of twin bills behind the arms of right-handers Bailey Francis, Macalah Daniels and Peyton Lettlemann. Kadena won 8-1 and 10-0 on Friday and 5-2 and 17-8 on Saturday. Kadena won Far East Division I Tournament titles in 2010 and 2012 and

is the presumed favorite heading into next month's Far East.

Kubasaki: Matthew Duffy played his last round of competitive high-school golf on a blustery, showery Friday at Taiyo Golf Course in Gushikawa. The senior carded a 95 on the 6,046-yard, par-72 layout to finish the two-day Okinawa district finals with a 182, 26 strokes better than his nearest challenger.

Seoul American: Falcons track and field finished atop the boys and girls team standings in Saturday's final DODDS Korea regular-season meet. On the pitch, Andrew Clark had two goals in a losing cause as boys soccer lost in the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference Blue Division tournament finals for the third straight year, 4-2 to Seoul Foreign.

Osan: The Cougars girls, runners-up in the KIAIC tournament last season, took third in the tournament with a 3-2 win over host Seoul American in Saturday's final. Andrea Carandang ran her team-leading goal-scoring total to 15 in the win. ... Gerard Chopin netted a hat trick as

Scoreboard

Track and field

Boys
Seoul American 120; Humphreys 54, Daegu 40, Seoul Foreign 39, Osan 18, Yokota 121½, Zama American 41½, Robert D. Edgren 23, Nile C. Kinnick 17, American School in Japan 154½, Nile C. Kinnick 89½, Zama 78½, St. Mary's International 70½, Christian Academy Japan 33½.

Girls
Seoul American 97, Humphreys 83, Daegu 40, Seoul Foreign 26, Osan 18, Kinnick 77, Yokota 46, Edgren 38, Zama 35.
ASU 140½, Kinnick 126½, Seisen International 85, CAJ 45, Zama 34, International School of the Sacred Heart 20, St. Maur International 11.

Baseball

Osan 8, Daegu 6

Softball

Osan 5, E.J. King 4
Kadena 5, ASU 2
Kadena 17, ASU 8
Humphreys 11, Daegu 5
Daegu 11, Osan 8
Yokota 18, Edgren 3
Kinnick 13, Edgren 11
Edgren 14, Yokota 4

Soccer

Boys
TCIS 3, Humphreys 0
Yongsan International-Seoul 9, Daegu 0
Seoul American 8, Osan 0
Seoul Foreign 3, TCIS 1
SAHS 5, YIS-Seoul 1
Osan 3, Daegu 2
Humphreys 8, Osan 1
Yongsan 1, TCIS 0
Seoul Foreign 4, Seoul American 2
Seoul International 2, Asia-Pacific International 1
Seoul International 5, Korea International 0

Kadena 8, Misato Tech 1
Kubasaki 5, Konan 1
Perry 3, Yokota 1
Kinnick 2, Edgren 0
Zama 6, King 0
Yokota 2, Edgren 0
Perry 7, Zama 1
Kinnick 1, Yokota 0
Edgren 4, King 2
Yokota 2, Zama 1
Perry 1, Kinnick 0

Girls
Osan 3, TCIS 0
Seoul American 6, Humphreys 2
Yongsan 4, Daegu 1
Seoul Foreign 3, TCIS 1
YIS-Seoul 3, SAHS 1
Humphreys 2, Daegu 1, SO (2-1)
TCIS 6, Humphreys 1
Osan 3, Seoul American 2
Seoul Foreign 4, Yongsan 0
Kadena 3, Shurt East 0
Guan 5, Notre Dame 3
Southern 2, Guam 1
ASU 7, Seisen 1
Kinnick 1, Edgren 0
Perry 3, King 0
Yokota 1, Zama 1
Edgren 2, King 0
Yokota 1, Perry 1
Kinnick 5, Zama 0
Edgren 1, Yokota 0
Perry 1, Zama 0
Kinnick 10, King 0
Perry 2, Edgren 1
Kinnick 1, Yokota 0
Zama 6, King 1

Osan's boys won their first match of the season 3-2 over Daegu.

Daegu: Soccer Warriors' William Williams had a rough go of it in KIAIC, the boys team did come away with one All-Tournament selection in Henry Faivre, who has a team-high 11 goals.

Humphreys: Blackhaws softball continues to make strides thanks to the pitching of Seleno Castro, a transfer from Texas. Humphreys' latest victory came Saturday at Camp Walker, where the Blackhaws snapped a 2-2 tie with three second-inning runs in an 11-5 win at Daegu.

Guam: Kayla Kinney ran her team-leading goal total to 18, but the Panthers split a pair of matches crucial to their title hopes, beating Notre Dame 5-3 before losing 2-1 to reigning island champion Southern, the Panthers' first loss in six matches this season.

— Dave Omauer

NBA PLAYOFFS

Thunder get even with OT victory

By TERESA M. WALKER
The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Reggie Jackson came off the bench and outscored teammates Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook by himself. The Oklahoma City Thunder needed every point from their top reserve to win yet another overtime game against Memphis.

Jackson scored a personal playoff-best 32 points, and the Thunder beat the Grizzlies 92-89 Saturday night, tying up their first-round Western Conference series at two apiece.

"Reggie played an outstanding basketball game," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "He was able to attack and finish around the rim like he's done all year, and I knew he would bounce back... He's done a great job of coming in and giving us that lift offensively when we needed it as a sixth man."

The Thunder sure needed him to avoid going back home in a 3-1 hole after three straight overtime games.

Jackson had only scored 15 points combined in this series, but the guard shook off his shooting woes by shooting 11-for-16. Durant and Russell Westbrook, who struggled through their worst scoring game of the series with a combined 11-for-45 and 15 points apiece.

He said a few made layups finally got him going. Jackson said Durant and Westbrook were allowing him to go.

"They told me to just keep going and be aggressive," Jackson said.

The Thunder blew a 14-point lead with Memphis, and the Grizzlies blew a third straight fourth-quarter lead themselves. Jackson tied up Memphis with



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Thunder guard Reggie Jackson, left, shoots against Grizzlies center Marc Gasol during overtime in Game 4 on Saturday in Memphis, Tenn. Jackson scored 32 points as Oklahoma City won 92-89.

five straight points in the final minute of regulation, and he hit all six free throws in overtime as the Thunder survived an extra period with seven lead changes.

"They're running plays for

him with Durant and Westbrooks spaced out," Memphis coach Dave Joerges said. "If you're going down, my hat's off to them, both guys did a great job, and Reggie Jackson did a great job just being

in attack mode."

Durant's two free throws with 1:02 left in overtime put the Thunder ahead to stay.

"One of the things I was pleased about was the way Russ and KD took a backseat tonight and let Reggie take over," Thunder center Kendrick Perkins said. "That says a lot about them also."

Game 5 is Tuesday night back in Oklahoma City.

Mike Conley missed a 26-footer just before the buzzer that could have forced a second extra period. Oklahoma City's Serge Ibaka also blocked a Tony Allen shot with 2.7 seconds left in regulation to keep the Thunder alive for overtime.

The Thunder won for only the second time in seven playoff games in Memphis, and this was just their second in eight overtime games with the Grizzlies since the start of the 2010-11 season. Oklahoma City also snapped Memphis' franchise-record 15-game winning streak.

Ibaka added 12 points for Oklahoma City. The Thunder outrebounded Memphis 58-49 and got 12 offensive rebounds in the fourth quarter and overtime combined.

Marc Gasol led Memphis with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Allen had 14 points and 13 rebounds, Conley had 14 points and Zach Randolph added 11.

Gasol said he expects the Grizzlies will be more aggressive with Jackson in the next game. But he also noted they have to do better against the likes of Ibaka and Caron Butler.

"Those are the guys that are going to be the difference in the series," Gasol said.



TOM FOX, THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS/AP

Mavericks guard Vince Carter celebrates following his game-winning three-pointer against the Spurs in Game 3 on Saturday.

Carter's late three lifts Mavs

By SCHUYLER DIXON
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Vince Carter knew right away the exact date of the last time he had a buzzer-beating try in a playoff game — 13 years ago.

It's seared in the memory of the 16-year veteran because he missed that one. He was on target Saturday.

Carter hit a double-pump three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Dallas Mavericks a 109-106 victory in Game 3 and a first-round series lead over the top-seeded San Antonio Spurs.

With 1.7 seconds left, Carter took an inbound pass from Jose Calderon in the left corner. After a quick pump fake got Manu Ginobili in the air, Carter released the ball just in time.

He strutted stone-faced toward Dirk Nowitzki, who was waving his arms wildly as he jumped on Carter. Mavericks owner Mark Cuban joined the celebration on the court before the automatic review confirmed the obvious: The shot was good.

And it's one Carter said he practiced.

"May 20th, Game 7," said Carter, referring to an 88-87 loss to Philadelphia in the 2001 Eastern Conference finals when he was he was the dunking sensation known as "Vinsanity" with Toronto. Carter had graduated from North Carolina earlier that day before flying on a private plane to Philadelphia.

"I don't mind taking the game-winning shot," said Carter, who otherwise had a rough day before finishing with 11 points. "I don't mind missing them, and dealing with it. So I think having that mentality helps me."

Monta Ellis kept the eighth-seeded Mavericks close in the fourth quarter and finished with 29 points.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 22 points.

George, West push Pacers to tie series

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Indiana Pacers knew what they were up against. This was a game they had to have.

Paul George and David West made sure they got it.

George and West hit key three-pointers down the closing minutes, and top-seeded Indiana held off the Atlanta Hawks 91-88 to even the opening-round series at two wins apiece Saturday.

Finally, the Pacers showed some grit and resilience, regaining the home-court edge that slipped away when they were stunned by the No. 8-seeded Hawks in Game 1.

"We were just in desperation mode," West said. "You just can't go down two games in a playoff series. The odds are against you."

George put the Pacers ahead 86-85 with a jumper beyond the arc, and West hit another trey with 1:33 remaining.

Atlanta had a chance after Kyle Korver was fouled in the corner and knocked down three free throws, taking advantage of a do-over after the Pacers were called for a lane violation. But George gave the Pacers two chances at the other hand, scrambling for an offensive rebound after Lance Stephenson missed a three. George hit, took advantage by scooping one in off a drive with 56 seconds left.

That would be the final points. The Hawks

whiffed on their last three possessions; Pero Antic missed a three-pointer at the buzzer to force overtime after the Pacers made sure Korver, the long-range specialist, didn't get his hands on the ball.

Game 5 is Monday in Indianapolis.

After questioning his team's toughness, George scored 24 points and added 10 rebounds for his fourth straight double-double. West added 18 points.

"My number was called," George said. "I had to deliver."

Unfortunately for the Hawks, Paul Millsap couldn't provide the matching punch.

Even though he led the Hawks with 29 points, the All-Star forward turned it over with a bad pass with 33 seconds to go. Then, after Stephenson lost the ball and the Hawks gained possession off a jump, Millsap missed a spinning shot in the lane as Atlanta passed on going for a tying three-pointer.

"We're still a confident group," Millsap said. "We let one slip away, but we showed we can go out and compete in the games up there. That's where our mindset is now. We've got to let this one go and get ready for Monday."

Indiana left the door open by missing its final four free throws, including a pair by George with 7.5 seconds left when only one would have been enough to seal the victory. But the Pacers buckled down at the defensive end, forcing Antic to throw up a desperation



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Pacers forward David West scored 18 points in a 91-88 victory over the Hawks in Game 4 of their first-round series on Saturday. The series is tied at 2-2.

shot that clanked off the rim.

The Pacers decided against benching Roy Hibbert to go with a smaller lineup against the Hawks, who have taken the 7-foot-2 center out of his comfort zone by spreading the court with their big men. Hibbert continued to struggle, managing just six points and three rebounds in a little less than 25 minutes.

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What's ^{the} Catch?

'Control of the ball' comes under question

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

FOR more than a century, baseball seemed to know when a catch was a catch. Then expanded instant replay came along this season, and no one seemed to be sure.

The sport's Playing Rules Committee clarified the meaning of when a fielder catches the ball before trying to transfer it from his glove to his hand for a throw, trying to defuse a controversy that left managers and players puzzled in the season's opening weeks.

With umpires watching slow-motion replays in a New York control room, several plays that routinely have been called outs in the past had been ruled drops. Starting Friday, possession was defined as having complete control of the ball. The committee said fielders may drop the ball after intentionally opening their gloves to make transfers.

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